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Obama endorses Biden as the best leader for 'darkest times'

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Barack Obama endorsed Joe Biden on Tuesday, giving the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee a boost from the party's biggest fundraiser and one of its most popular figures.

"Joe has the character and the experience to guide us through one of our darkest times and heal us through a long recovery," Obama said in a 12-minute video in which he argued the coronavirus pandemic reinforced the need for better leadership.

The endorsement marked Obama's return to presidential politics more than three years after leaving the White House.

He didn't mention his successor, President Donald Trump, by name and instead sought to bridge the ideological divide among Democrats.

Obama commended Bernie Sanders, who was the leading progressive foil to Biden during the Democratic primary.

The Vermont senator ended his campaign last week and threw his support behind Biden on Monday.

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In this Jan. 4, 2017 file photo, Vice President Joe Biden, left, watches President Barack Obama, center, at Conmy Hall, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va.

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Centro di diagnostico cu caida drastico durante weekend

DVG cu yamada publico na personanan cu a bishita Secret Beauty Salon

ORANJESTAD - Aunke Departamento di Salud Publico (DVG) semper ta masha cauteloso pa revela nomber di pashent y sitio relaciona cu e pandemia di e coronavirus/Covid-19 na Aruba, pa asina protege y respeta e privacidad di cada pashent. Pero e biaha aki a dicidi di haci un yamada publico.

PR di DVG, Jurette Croes a informa cu relaciona cu un caso positivo di COVID-19, DVG ta haci un yamada na tur cliente cu entre 26 di maart te cu 4 di april 2020 a bishita y haya servicio na Secret Beauty Salon, situa na Avenida Milo Croes 93, pa nan tuma contacto cu DVG na call center: 280-0101. Esaki si e persona tin sintoma di COVID-19, manera tosamento seco, dolor di garganta, keintura y perdida di holo of smaak.

El a bisa cu tin circunstancianan cu mester haci un excepcion pa motibo cu bo por a wordo exponi na e virus. Y nan ta evalua cada caso cu si pa salubridad publico ta necesario bin cu informacion tocante un pashent den cuadro di e risico cu lo por pone otro personanan.



Update

Ayera atardi, PR di DVG a duna un update di e casonan unda no a wordo reporta niun caso nobo durante e ultimo dianan, incluyendo e fin di siman y dialuna. Ta asina cu te ayera 2'or atardi tabatin total 92 caso positivo. Di cual 32 persona a yega di recupera y actualmente tin 60 casonan activo di Covid-19. Negativo tin 1.062 di un total di 1.154 persona cu a wordo getest. Ademas 114 persona ta den cuarentena actualmente.

Jurette Croes a bisa cu centro di diagnostico a experiencia durante e fin di siman ultimo un caida 'hopi drastico' den e cantidad di yamadanan di personanan cu tin sintomanan.

Igualmente el a ripara cu ayera e trafico tabata basta druk riba caminda. P'esey el a enfatisa cu e medida di 'shelter in place' ta na vigor ainda. Pues no tin cambio den esaki, y e sitionan cu no ta esencial mester keda cera. Y esunnan esencial mester regla paden y pafo e distancia fisico y tambe mester zorg pa no tin aglomeracion di persona. Si e localidad no ta percura pa esaki, autoridad por cera e localidad aki.

Minister Bikker a sigura cu lo bin cu man duro

Atake contra bombero y polis ta inaceptabel

ORANJESTAD - Ayera atardi, minister di Husticia, Andin Bikker, a referi na e situacion cu a surgi entre habitantenan di Village (San Nicolas) y cuerpo uniforma (polis y brandweer).

Igualmente el a bisa cu su ministerio a cuminsa concipia algun ley di emergencia pa atende cu e crisis di e coronavirus/Covid-19. Y tambe nan ta trahando riba e proceso pa repatria personanan den un status di ilegalidad cu boluntariamente kier bay su pais bek.

E mandatario a haci un apelacion civico na comunidad, specialmente den e situacion actual di shelter in place y toque de queda (TDQ) cu nos ta pasando aden pa evita cu e virus di Covid-19 por sigui plama. "E ta algo necesario. Nos no a bin cu TDQ y niun otro medida pa molestia ningun hende. Pero nos a bin cu nan pa garantisa e salubridad di nos pueblo," minister Bikker a declara.

El a bisa cu bombero a bay duna asistencia y hendenan cu cara tapa a cuminsa ataca nan cu piedranan y diferente artefactonan, locual a ocasiona daño na nan ekipo material y principalmente a pone bida y salud di e personal di cuerpo bombero den peliger. El a cualifica esaki como "accion sin sentido."



E cuerpo uniforma a bay duna asistencia y nan a wordo ataca pa un grupo chikito durante TDQ dialuna anochi. E mandatario tabata enfatico pa bisa cu no lo bay tolera e tipo di accion sin sentido aki. Tambe nan lo bay cu man duro den cuadro di conservacion di orden publico.

Adaptacion di leynan

Igualmente minister Bikker a anuncia cu lo concipia leynan, manera nan a bin cu decretonan di emergencia necesario pa atende cu crisis aki. Algun di nan tin di haci cu empresanan estableci na Aruba pa nan por cumpli cu nan obligacion cu nan a adkiri, sin sa riba e magnitud di e crisis cu actualmente nos ta pasando aden.

Pa nan atende cu nan debenan y evita cu nan negoshi por cera y mas cupo di trabao por bay perdi, lo bin cu un ley di insolvencia. E mandatario a splica cu e ta un ley di insolvencia pa atende cu nan acreditado riba nan debenan, y den caso cu no tin solidaridad por bay corte.

E ley aki lo wordo inspira riba e ley di proteccion deriva di Hulanda den cuadro di Reino Hulandes. Tambe el a bisa cu na Merca e tipo di ley di insolvencia aki no ta algo nobo. Nan ta ley cu ta wordo adapta pa atende cu nan debenan y tambe e ley aki ta duna conseho pa un compania atende cu nan spiraal di debe.

Tin otro leynan cu nan ta concipiando cu tin di haci pa reuni electronicamente, entre otro pa atende reunion di conseho di Minister y diferente proceso cu awor ta bay electronico entre otro proceso hudicial, el a bisa. Minister Bikker a bisa cu lo mira e caso di Hulanda, si e ta aplicabel pa Aruba, nan lo bin cune.

Repatriacion

Tambe minister Bikkier a informa cu e hendenan cu ta ilegal na Aruba lo wordo canalisa fondo di asistencia pa nan por bay nan pais bek.

El a bisa cu na Europa nan ta cooperando pa repatria hendenan y nos lo haya fondo di Hulanda pa yuda repatria hende cu lo desea bay nan pais bek. Segun e mandatario riba e website di DIMAS tin un info pa yena y duna informacion. Te aworaki e reaccion ta grandi di esnan cu kier haci uzo di e facilidad aki, y gobierno kier encamina esaki bon.

Mayoria di nan ta ciudadanonan di nacionalidad Venezolano. El a pidi pasenshi te ora e intercambio diplomatico entre Aruba y Venezuela por wordo concretisa pa cuminsa repatria nan. Antes nan tabata wordo manda pa Punto Fijo, pero awor e regimen di Venezuela kier centralisa e repatriacion di nan conciudadanonan via Caracas pa asina realisa nan control sanitario.

Alto comisario di polis, Vanessa Tjon Kock:

'Control riba caya no ta bay stop, esey lo bay keda vigente'

ORANJESTAD - Dialuna ultimo durante un conferencia di prensa di Gobierno di Aruba, alto comisario di Cuerpo di Polis, Vanessa Tjon Kock a trece dilanti e cifranan di detencion durante toque de queda durante e fin di siman di Pasco Grandi.

Di esaki, el a señala cu e fin di siman ultimo tabata un basta druk, den sentido di loke ta trata diabierna, diasabra y diadomingo nan tabatin 26 detencion. Ademas di esey dialuna ultimo tabatin e cifra di 7, cu un total di 33 persona deteni.

Asina mes, el a informa cu te ainda nan ta hayando diferente situacion caminda cu ta tira piedranan of boter riba polis, ta orkestra candela den bario ora ta toque de queda, asina como klinkers y sushi ta wordo tira riba caminda; el a sigura cu esaki ta pa desvia polis di su trabou.

Ademas, Tjon Kock a expresa cu e control riba caya no ta bay stop, esey lo bay keda vigente, pa motibo cu tur hende sa kico ta e maneho di Cuerpo di Polis y Ministerio Publico durante toque de queda. Momento cu un persona kier desvia e reglanan aki, automaticamente polis lo actua.

Tjon Kock a sigura cu tur caso lo wordo tene na cuenta y nan lo investiga si ta necesario. Na momento cu un situacion por escala di loke ta trata orden publico, cuerpo policial por utilisa otro tipo di recurso hunto cu Ministerio Publico. Esey ta depende no solamente di e situacion sino cu tambe si tin un delito penal envolvi den e caso.

Esey ta loke a tuma luga fin di siman ultimo, caminda a utilisa otro recursonan na momento cu nan mester mantene orden den cierto bario y esey no ta bay cambia. Tjon Kock a recorda cu pa cada un persona e reglanan ey ta stipula den un decreto ministerial, cuerpo policial tin instruccionnan di kico ta nan trabou y con nan tin cu actua y na momento cu un persona lo kier desvia di esey, automaticamente nan lo bay aplica.

Di loke ta trata actividadnan den lama, Tjon Kock a expresa cu pa loke ta trata boto y lama nan lo bay delinea e maneho den e ekipo di crisis cu a wordo crea pa e situacion di COVID-19 na Aruba, mirando cu ta existi hopi inkietud di parti di comunidad mes y tambe mester tene na cuenta e ekipo di crisis y maneho di gobierno.

Pa finalisa, Tjon Kock a bisa cu shelter in place y toque de queda lo bay keda na vigor y ademas e situacionnan por cambia y medidanan por wordo adapta.



Prome minister Evelyn Wever- Croes:

'Hende cu no ta bin na remarca pa FASE mester paga awa y coriente normal'

ORANJESTAD - Durante un conferencia di prensa di diadomingo ultimo, Bon Dia Aruba a puntra minister presidente Evelyn Wever-Croes ki consecuencia lo tin pa e tarifanan pa pueblo, mirando cu e clientenan mas grandi di Web y Elmar ta comercio, y esey a cay afo durante e luna aki cu e situacion di COVID-19.

Prome minister a contesta cu esaki ta un motibo di hopi preocupacion, door cu manera tur hende sa, Web y Elmar tabata purba di mantene nan tarifa pa comunidad abou pa via cu entrada tabata bin for di comercio y den e caso aki esey a baha drasticamente.

Asina mes, el señala cu nan ta buscando un balans na e momentonan aki pa wak si nan lo yega na e punto cu mester aumenta e tarifa. El a admiti cu ambos compania ta haci nan maximo esfuerso y nan ta cortando gastonan manera nan por, pa asina por wanta e golpi aki sin cu mester bay den aumento di tarifa.

Tambe, el a comenta cu ta importante pa sa cu esey ta e motibo pakico nan no por bisa cu tur hende lo keda sin paga awa y coriente pa tres luna cu ta bin dilanti; pa motibo cu mester corda tambe riba e dos compania estatal aki cu ta sumamente importante.

Pa e motibo aki, minister presidente a confirma cu nan ta buscando un forma. Pa esunnan cu tin problema pa paga nan cuenta di awa y coriente registra via e programa FASE y a traves di esey nan ta intermedia pa esunnan cu ta den e situacion aki. Tur otro persona cu no ta bin na remarca mester cumpli cu Web, Elmar, Setar y otro utilidadnan di manera normal.

Bomberonan cu sentimento ambivalente pa daño di truck





ORANJESTAD – Dialuna anochi, bomberonan a confronta un situacion fastioso, caminda nan a sali pa paga un candela den St. Maartenstraat. Na yegada di e departamento a ricibi tiramento di piedra, boter, y klinker di e habitantenan, cu a causa daño na un truck.

Ferdinand Ponson di cuerpo di bombero a expresa cu ta lamenta e suceso, cu 'tin mixed feelings', pe motibo cu pueblo, e 'muchanan di bario', mester compronde cu nan t'ey pa cuida nan y pa tene cuenta cu comunidad.

Ponson a agrega cu tin dos dienst cu ta den linea frontal, cual ta polis y bombero. Nan a presenta na e sitio pa asina tene pueblo safe, pero a confronta cu otro situacion. E ta bisa cu di un banda, nan ta trankilo cu ta daño material so a sufri, 'y no e personal mes di brandweer'.

"Nos ta gradici cu Señor, pasobra por a bay mas malo. Nos tin cu tene na cuenta cu material cu nos tin, anto cuida esaki hopi, pa motibo cu no ta material barata. E cuido ta extra, pa otro personanan comete e actonan aki..." el a expresa.

Brandweer ta pidi pueblo pa tene bon cuenta, y no bin cu actonan asina contra polis of brandweer, cu ta trahando pa siguridad di pueblo. Ya cu tin toque de queda, hende mester keda cas. Mester tene cuenta cu esunnan na frente di e situacion riba caya, kendenan t'ey pa yuda y cuida pueblo.

Tambe ta pidi pa comunidad haci nan parti y no hinca cuerpo policial of bombero den peliger. Ponson ta menciona cu nan no ta compronde kico hende kier demostra cu candela.

Polis ta bezig cu analisis pa purba di compronde e motibo. Tambe ta bayendo na cierto parti di Aruba pa papia cu habitantenan di bario pa saca e informacion. Ponson ta agrega cu pa cende candela na un luga, esunnan responsabel mester tene na cuenta cu por tin hendenan grandi, muchanan chikito, y cu ta pone nan den riesgo.

E ta bisa cu e huma por yega tur caminda, y despues di toque de queda tin hende tin cu sali for di nan cas pasobra e huma ta afecta nan. Pues ta pidi tur hende, pa no cende candela, e ta algo contra ley, ta kibra regla, y 'ta trece peliger'.

"Nos ta bringando pa e situacion aki keda mas cortico posibel y nos por bay bek den normalidad. Pero pa esaki sucede mester yuda otro. Pues nos peticion ta pa no cende candela, no kima sushi. Mantene bo mes na regla pa nos por pasa e temporada aki", el a declara.

Pa locual ta e condicion di e truck, Ponson ta splica cu nan ta cuida nan ekipo masha hopi pa evita cualkier daño, pa asina tin ekipo pa sigui brinda nan servicio. Lo mester check cu departamento pa bestel un windshield pa asina cambia esaki, mirando cu ta un windshield no comun sino style di bol di tur banda, 'e mester ta lihe y no ta algo cu ta barata'.

Serlimar lo habri Parkietenbos

ORANJESTAD – Den ultimo dianan, tin persona ta keha cu na varios bario tin sushi rond di nan area. Serlimar a tuma e decision di habri Parkietenbos pa publico, pa asina tin menos sushedad rond Aruba, pero lo tin regla cu cual mester tene cuenta.

Director di Serlimar, Anko Koopmans a bisa cu lo cuminsa for di awe pa 7or di mainta te cu 4or di atardi. Parkietenbos lo ta habri e siguiente dianan cu e mesun orario. Tambe pa diasabra e lo ta habri di 8or di mainta pa 12or di merdia. Diadomingo ta cera.

Mirando cu a drenta peticion pa habri e localidad, pa motibo di sushedad rond di varios area, nan ta bay analisa con e situacion cana, pasobra nan no kier un cantidad di persona drenta Parkietenbos di biaha.

Lo mester tene cuenta cu tur regla y cu shelter in place ta sigui conta. "E no ta algo di un reunion of momento social paden." Nan ta bay coordina cu tres auto so mag di drenta benta sushi afo, y ora nan caba, lo laga otro tres auto drenta pa cada beurt.

Segun Koopmans, lo ta e mesun situacion di 'rij cu ta wak ora di busca gas'. Lo laga e auto para den rij, pero hende mester tin pasenshi pa e otro cu a bay tira su sushi afo. Sinembargo, pa e trucknan grandi lo mester subi Parkietenbos via 'weeg brug',

E tardansa lo depende di con lihe e auto ta haci su tarea di tira sushi, pero tur cos ta bay ta coordina, segun e ta splica. Di e forma ey, ta duna tur persona un chens pa tira nan sushi afo.

Un punto cu Koopmans ta recorda, ta pa hende tene na cuenta cu for di aña 2018 a saca un MB (ministeriële beschikking) cu no mag di trece 'huishoudelijk afval'. Si topa cu esey den auto of den baki di pickup, no lo permiti pa drenta Parkietenbos.

E huishoudelijk afval ta e sushi cu Serlimar mes ta bin busca na cas, sea cuminda, sushi di baño of cushina. Pa motibo cu si tira e sushi aki den area di Parkietenbos por ocasiona candela, y mester preveni esaki.

Locual si nan ta tuma ta e grof vuil, cual ta desperdicio manera frishider bieu, wasmashin, bloki, tubo.

Tambe Koopmans a bisa cu e centro di reciclahe na Serlimar ta bezig cu pedido di aña pasa. Nan no ta colecta sushi sino material cu por wordo reusa. Asina nan habri bek nan lo laga pueblo sa pa entrega nan material. "E pikimento di sushi na cas ta keda normal. Si tin problema cu truck no a pasa busca sushi, por yama Serlimar pa nos encarga cu esaki."



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ORANJESTAD - Los di e crisis cu nos ta pasando aden na e momentonan aki, nos no ta custuma pa presta atencion na nos mundo interior. “Mi ta referi cu esaki na nos emocionnan y nos sentimentonan.”



Jurisky Geerman tin un pasion enorme pa bida en general. Su interes di con pa sa con ser humano ta hinca den otro y dicon ‘nos ta haci manera nos ta haci’. E kier a compronde y yuda hende.
Cu esaki den mente, el a cuminsa su carera profesional door di studia biologia medicinal, den cual e tin un masters degree den ciencia specialisa den imunologia. Despues di a haya amplio conocemento di e bida fisico cu biologia medicinal. Tambe el a haci e estudio di ‘bida consciente’ pa amplia su conocemento over di bida mas ainda, pero e ora den e parti ‘no fisico of inmaterial’.

Geerman ta guia hende cu nan desaroyo personal, y ta tuma como punto di comienso e mundo interior di nos mes, esta nos emocion, sentimento, pensamento y instintonan entre otro. E ta haci esaki na un manera amistoso, down to earth, practico, profesional y adapta na e persona su necesidadnan personal.

“Por ehempel, esaki, mientras cu e aspectonan aki entre otro aspectonan di nos interior (nos p'aden), tin hopi efecto riba con nos ta comporta (actua, haci) den nos bida diario, y cual ta mustra di ta manera ‘magnified’ awor den temporada di crisis”, e ta splica.

Pa e motibo aki, e kier toca e tema di emocionnan y nan efecto riba nos den e articulo aki, cu enfoke riba e emocion miedo, aunke cu tur emocion ta importante. E ta spera di por inspira y conscientisa esnan cu ta lesa over di esaki.

“Nos ta pasando den temponan nunca antes biba. Door di esaki nos no sa eigenlijk con pa haci den e momentonan aki, pasobra nos djis no tin experiencia cu cosnan manera un pandemia y crisis di e magnitud aki”, e ta expresa.

Hunto cu esaki, e ta bisa cu nos no sa eigenlijk tampoco con e futuro lo bay mustra mas. E realidad ta cu prome cu e pandemia tampoco eigenlijk e futuro tabata predecibel, pero pa motibo di nos comodidadnan, e cosnan cu ser humano ta custuma cune, nos structuranan, nos tawata tin e ilusion cu e futuro ta predecible ‘y na esaki nos tawata wanta cu nos ta consciente di esaki of no’.

“Algun di nos tabatin e futuro mas positivo den su mente, y algun kisas mas negativo. Con cu ta, awor hopi, si no ta tur, nos structuranan a wordo kibra. Aworaki nos ta ser confronta cu un otro realidad cu prome y esaki ta trece puro insiguridad cune. Nos djis sa cu nos mester ‘flatten un curve’ (y kisas ni esey nos por compronde bon kico ta wordo bisa cune) y nos ta haciendo lo posible pa esaki ta un realidad bou di guia di nos gobierno y autoridadnan (cual no ta tur di nos, cu of sin rason valido, tin echt confianza cune)”, Geerman ta splica.

E ta kere cu ‘nos por bisa si cu den algun luga den nos mes’ nos sa cu e situacion aki ta bay pasa. Pero cuanto tempo e ta bay tuma? Nos no sa tampoco. “Tur esey ta haci cu nos como ser humano,awo ta sinti pa gran parti nervioso y fastioso. Pasobra ser humano ta hopi bon den wanta kico ta bay pasa den futuro ta confortabel den su structuranan sea bon of menos bon pa nos, pero sinembargo confiabel pasobra nos a custuma con cu ta.”

Tambe e ta bisa cu bou di tur e insiguridad aki tin un emocion hopi basico cu yama miedo. “Miedo ta algo cu nos no gusta papia di dje y mucho menos, sinti’e. Nos tin manera un miedo (tambe yama resistencia) di e miedo, igual cu nos tin miedo di mayoria di nos otro emocionnan y of sentimentonan (manera dolor, tristesa, rabia).”

Geerman ta bisa cu hende por expresa cu ‘Esey ta cos di...’ of ‘mi ta confia den Dios, pues mi no tin miedo’. Cada un di e expresionnan aki por ta ‘mi no ta bisa cu semper e ta asina, pero por ta’ ehempel di expresionnan unda cu un persona ta nengando e emocion y pues no ta presta atencion na kico e ta eigenlijk sintiendo, of ta pone eynan pa e bay sinti (pues no a wordo sinti ainda, pero e ta manera wardando pa bo acept’e).

Jurisky Geerman su practica yama Inner Work Aruba, situa na Santa Cruz Esaki lo ta e prome edicion di tres parti cu Geerman kier pa persona compronde nan mes den tempo di crisis.

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IMF ta pronostica cu economia di Colombia lo cay 2,4 % e aña aki



BOGOTA (ElTiempo) - Actividad economico na Latino America y Caribe lo reduci un 5,2% e aña aki den su cadenanan di suministro y demanda interno y externo, entre otro factor pa via di impacto di e pandemia COVID-19, aunke ta espera cu lo recupera parcialmente na 2021 y lo crece na un 3,4%, segun un calculo di IMF.

Asina International Monetary Fund a anuncia ayera den su informe di perspectiva Economico Mundial, den cual a pronostica cu na 2020 e economia di Mexico lo contrae un 6,6%, Brazil 5,3%, Argentina un 5,7 %, Chile 4,5 % y Venezuela un 15 %.

E region lo keda afecta e aña aki pa e 'aislamento, blokeo y ceramento general rekeri pa detene e propagacion di virus', cu ta provoca un 'efecto grave' den actividad economico di tur e pais Latino Americano y na nivel mundial, segun e Fondo a bisa.

Loke menos lo bay nota di e reduccion drastico di economia na 2020 ta paisnan como Paraguay, cu un reduccion di 1%; Colombia cu 2,4% y Bolivia, cu lo registra un caida di 2,9%.

Tambe, e fondo a resalta cu e prioridad 'inmediato' ta contene e consecuencianan di e plamamento di COVID-19 cu medidanan como aumenta e gasto publico den atencion medico, pa fortalece e capacidad y recursonan di e sector sanitario.

Ecuador: Erornan di Guayaquil cu e maneho di pandemia coronavirus

GUAYAQUIL (ElTiempo) - Guayaquil, mas cu cualkier otro ciudad Ecuatoriano, ta paga cu mortonan y caos su erornan den e maneho di e pandemia. E capital economico di e pais aki di 17,5 miyon di habitante a ofrece den ultimo dianan imagennan espantoso.

Durante varios dia por a mira cadavernan riba caya of casnan envolvi cu plastic y un sistema di hospital sin finanzas y collapse, cu dokternan y enfermero cu a termina domina pa e virus.

Pafo di e centronan di salud tin holo di morto, y ta comun caba e rijnan di autonan cu caha di morto di carton wardando pa drenta den santana, y lo pio ta na caminda.

Cu 2,7 miyon habitante, e waf di Guayaquil tabata aparece for di prome cu e emergencia como un punto special vulneranel.

E prome caso a wordo detecta cu un muhe cu a bin for di Spaña di vakantie. Den e pais ey y Italia, esunnan mas castiga pa e pandemia na Europa, ta biba casi mey miyon di Ecuatoriano, hopi di nan a emigra pa e bancarota bancario na final di añanan 1990.

E fluho di biahe y intercambio ta intenso, specialmente na februari y maart, ora Guayaquil y e resto di e costa di Ecuador ta di vakantie escolar. Hopi Guayaquileño den e epoca aki ta bin for di Europa y tambe nan ta biaha pa Merca, otro foco di e pandemia.

Ecuador a reacciona "hopi laat" na e advertencianan di e avance di COVID-19 na henter mundo, Daniel Simancas, epidemiologo di Universidad Tecnologico Equinoccial (UTE) a afirma.

Esaki tabatin "consecuencianan devastador como esun cu nos a wak pa falta di strategianan", e epidemiologo a sigura.



Autoridadnan ta spera te 3.500 morto pa e pandemia. Actualmente, segun autoridadnan Ecuatoriano e provincia di Guayas y su capital Guayaquil, ta concentra e 73% di casi di e 7.300 persona infecta, cu 315 morto desde 29 di februari.

Brazil, Mexico y Venezuela, paisnan cu pio calificacion pa su gestion cu COVID-19

(ElHeraldo) - Den momentonan di crisis na unda hende ta evalua su lidernan y den un extremo situacion como esun di coronavirus, gobernantenan como esun di Uruguay, Luis Lacalle Pou y e Peruano, Martin Vizcarra ta bisto como ehempel di un bon gestion, mientras cu di Brazil, Jair Bolsonaro y di Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro ta wordo critica pa un reaccion mas laat.

E institucionnan cu a sali miho califica den un dozijn di pais di Latino America ta Polis y Fuersa Armada, segun un estudio nobo di Ipsos, cu a tuma luga desde 27 di maart te cu 6 di april pa 353 lider di opinion y periodistanan di 14 pais.



Ademas di e crisis sanitario genera pa COVID-19, cu a laga por lo menos 2.800 morto y mas di 68.000 hende malo den e region, e economia ta otro preocupacion grandi di e personanan encuesta: menos di e 10% ta kere den un recuperacion den proximo lunanan.

Un ehemplo di con e gestion di e crisis tin nomber propio ta esun di e presidente Peruano, Martin Vizcarra, ken tin un bon posicion den su gobierno y ta ocupa e di dos luga (56%), di prome ta Luis Lacalle Pou di Uruguay cu 59% na fabor.

Sebastián Piñera cu 40 %, di cinco luga riba e lista, su actuacion a sirbi pa laga atras e polarisacion cu e pais tabata bibando desde october di 2019 y a logra recupera 8 punto porcentual compara cu e encuesta di december ultimo.

Por el contrario, expertonan ta pasa factura pa e Mexicano, Manuel López Obrador cu 19 % ocupando e dies luga, cu a tarda di implementa medidanan cu e virus cu e mes ta menosprecia y e Brasilero, Jair Bolsonaro cu 16% y di 11 luga cu a bisa cu COVID-19 "ta un simpel grip" y a desautorisa gobernador pa ordena toque de queda den e ciudadnan.

Di ultimo luga ta Nicolas Maduro cu 6% cu su manera di mira e crisis social, politico y economico cu no ta cede pa e pandemia aki y cu desde e exterior y oposicion na Venezuela ta mira cu desconfiansa e medidanan cu a dicta y cu poco confiansa e cifranan cu su gobierno a duna di e enfermedad.

Puerto Rico: Casonan Coronavirus aumentando fuertemente

(ElNuevoDia) – E casonan positivo di coronavirus a dispara diadomingo pasa na 897 na Puerto Rico, despues cu departamento di Salud a informacu109 persona adicional cu a test positivo, un luna despues di a confirma e prome casonan na e isla.

Mientras tanto, e mortonan a causa di e virus ta na 44 tras fayecimento di dos homber na region di Ponce y Caguas, respectivamente. E cifranan ta coresponde na di 31 dia despues cu gobierno a confirma e prome casonan dia 13 di maart pasa.

E entidad a afirma cu e aumento ta debi na e resultadonan di decenas di prueba cu a procesa entre 24 di maart y 3 di april. Autoridadnan a confirma diasabra pasa cu e casonan di coronavirus ta sigui bao control.

"E baseline di contagio ta sigui aumenta, pa cual nos mester continua cu e bataya. E medidanan estricto di distanciamento social y di higiene, cutoque de queda y uso di mascara como proteccion individual y colectivo,



ta e unico hermentnan cu lo permiti nos haci e curva mas plat y evita propagacion di e virus. E yamada ta keda vigente, pa tur hende keda nan cas y no risca nan bida," secretario di Salud, Lorenzo Gonzalez Feliciano, a declara a traves di un comunicado di prensa.

Puerto Rico ta sigui entre e paisnan cu mas caso di coronavirus, loke ta coresponde tambe cu nan tamaño. Republica Dominicana ta lidera e lista sigui pa Puerto Rico, Cuba y e islanan Frances Guadeloupe y Martinique. Haiti, entre e islanan cu poblacion di varios miyon, ainda ta parce na inicio di e propagacion di e virus y a reporta te awor apenas 40 caso y 3 morto. E condicion general di salud sin embargo ta duna temor di un situacion empeorando den proximo simannan.

Venezuela: Maduro kier negociacion secreto cu Merca

(Infobae) – E subsecretario di Oficina di Asunto di Hemisferio Occidental, di Departamento di Estado Mericano, Michael G. Kozak, asigura cu Nicolas Maduro kier un "negociacion secreto" cu Cas Blanco tocante futuro di su pais.

"Estadonan Uni ta negociando cu Maduro? NO. Maduro kier un negociacion secreto cu gobierno Mericano, pero nos ta apoya Juan Guaido como presidente interino," Kozak a skirbi riba su cuenta oficial di Twitter.

Kozak a probecha pa insisti riba e Cuadro pa Transicion Democratica na Venezuela cu Cas Blanco ta propone, cu ta consisti di tanto Maduro como Guaido apartando nan mes pa conforma un gobierno interino cu ta guia e pais te na eleccion presidencial y parlamentario "liber" den un plazo di seis pa diesdos luna.

E plan cu Merca ta propone ta cu ambos por presenta nan mes como candidato den eleccion, aunke secretario di Estado, Mike Pompeo, a mustra cu ta sigur cu Maduro "lo no bolbe goberna" pasobra Guaido ta "e politico mas popular di Venezuela".

E plan Mericano ta recoge en realidad e propuesta cu e delegacion opositora haci na e regimen di Nicolas Maduro durante e ultimo dialogo politico di Venezuela, teni aña pasa entre Oslo y Barbados.

Maduro ya a rechasa e idea di Washington, aunke el a bolbe ofrece un dialogo cu henter oposicion, esun minoritario cu ken e ta dialoga caba, y esun mayoritario di Guaido, pa acorda solucion encuanto e pandemia di coronavirus. Guaido, cu a nenga di bolbe na mesa di negociacion, a subraya cu e plan Mericano no ta dirigi exclusivamente na Maduro, sino na henter chavismo, buscando asina crea ruptura interno.

Tambe Merca a acusa Maduro y 14 lider chavista di kier"inunda" Merca cu cocaina durante ultimo decadanan.



Dokter lo colecta nan mesun estadista di morto pa coronavirus



AMSTERDAM (DutchNews.nl) - Mediconan Hulandes ta ser pidi pa registra e mortonan cu nan ta kere por ta di coronavirus, esaki ta den un esfuerso pa mehora e presion di e cifranan cu a raporta actualmente.

RIVM a informa di e number di personanan cu ta fayece despues di duna un resultado positivo pa coronavirus, y e cifranan di e oficina nacional di estadistica ta indica cu e cifra real por ta dobel di e cifra oficial.

E cifra oficial actual di e mortonan causa pa coronavirus ta poco mas cu 2800. " No ta mira hopi pashent den hogarnan y hogarnan di anciano cu nos ta sospecha cu tin coronavirus, pero no ta test nan pa motibo cu esaki no tin sentido di un ingreso di hospital", e medico y profesor di Universidad di Mastricht, Jochen Cals a bisa. " Pero e personanan aki no ta aparece riba e estadisticanan".

Pa agrega casonan potencial na e registro, e expertonan di salud tin miho idea di e impacto di coronavirus den sociedad por tuma un decision tocante di suavisa algun medidanan di distanciamento social cu actualmente vigente na Hulanda.

" Cada dokter di cas mester ti su propio lista di posible mortonan causa pa coronavirus", Cals a bisa. E team tras di e unidad nobo di registro ta spera di por publica nan prome cifranan otro siman. E informacion lo ser recopila atraves di e plataforma ZorgDomein, cu 90% di dokter ta actualmente utilisando pa intercambia informacion.

A descubri caha di puzzle cu 530 pildo di extasy

NOORD HOLLAND (DutchNews.nl) - Un muhe di e village di Nierdorp na e provincia di Noord- Holland, a descubri den un caha di puzzle cu a ser warda pa basta tempo cu 530 pildo di ecstasy oranje.



Segun polis local Bas Dirkmaat, a caha a ser entrega na cas di e muhe mas di cuatro aña caba, pero e no tabata pa su persona, esaki tabata pa un famia of bisiña. Despues di puntra, el a warda e caha den e garage na unda el a permanece te cu awo.

E señora a bolbe haya e caha ora e tabata drecha y a pone un banda pa duna su nietonan e puzzle di Planes 2. Despues e señora a descubri cu ta trata mas cu puzzle. Awo polis ta investigando pa wak di unda esaki por a bini y pa kende.

Presonan di SDKK ta mustra resistencia



WILLEMSTAD (Curaçaochronicle) – Un preso anonimo a skirbi un carta tocante coronavirus den opresion di Curaçao (SDKK). Tin un gran malestar entre e presonan tocante e riesgo di infeccion ey den.

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Robert Arends:

'Minoria su opinion tambe'

ORANJESTAD - Ora registra/raporta punto di bista/opinion , di cualkier reunion, comision of grupo, ta necesario pa registra , sin tin , e punto di bista/ opinion di minoria tambe pa sigura informacion completo.

Ultimo caso importante cu a caba di tuma luga , ta e caso caminda CFT a raporta na RMR (Rijks Minister Raad) e opinion/ conclusion di e presidente so y a laga den e caso specifico aki e punto di bista/ opinion di e representante di Aruba afo y asina influencia e decision di RMR di tal manera cu e decision di RMR no tabata obhetivo pero " pinta oranje ".

Nos na Aruba mester cuminsa aplica e principio pa registra/ raporta punto di bista/ opinion di minoria tambe di manera cu e instancia cu mester tuma decision ta ful informa y por tuma su decision conociendo punto di bista di e grupo completo.

Na mes momento ta aplica democracia tambe pasobra ta e decision di mayoria ta bira e conseho di e grupo.

Nos tin cu siña biba cu informacion completo y no " weg " e punto di bista/ opinion di minoria den un grupo pa e instancia cu tin cu tuma decision.

Cualkier instancia cu tin cu dicidi algo mester carga responsabilidad pa su decision conociendo punto di bista/ opinion di ful e grupo.

Asina democracia mester funciona , mayoria no por djis sconde/ "weg" minoria. NO , no mas !

Ta bon pa ora Gobierno , Parlamento y Minister pidi conseho , pone den e encargo cu e ke tende , si tin , e opinion di e minoria tambe. Esaki mester bira e norma !



Ni Gobierno ni Parlamento ni Minister mester por sconde tras di e decision di un mayoria bisando cu e no a wordo informa di e opinion di e minoria.
Ni Gobierno ,ni Parlamento , ni Minister ta obliga , segun ningun ley, pa dicidi segun conseho di mayoria. No , e decision ta di dje so !

Ora raporta opinion di e minoria tambe , e instancia cu mester tuma decision ta ful informa y ta tuma su decision consciente di mayoria y di minoria.

Kisas , nos na Aruba , mester considera pa bin cu un ley general , si no tin , pa implementa e principio ariba menciona, como regla general ora duna conseho.

Pa pensa riba sin miedo

Robert Arends:

'Traha como boluntario pa gobierno'

ORANJESTAD - No a bira tempo pa tur esnan cu como politico of liga na politica a of ainda ta biba riba custia di pagadonan di belasting , realisa cu ta basta.

Realisa cu e crisis actual ta exigi di boso pa reflexiona y pensa riba tur esnan cu awor pa circunstancia of kisas tambe pa boso culpa a perde of mester perde nan trabao of negoshi.

Por ta boso a y ta traha segun , consenshi y honor , na bienestar di Aruba y a logra bon cosnan tambe. Pero no ta basta ??

Scapa Gobierno placa y entrega.
Si ainda boso ta kere di por aporta cosnan positivo y Gobierno mester (?) di boso , ofrece Gobierno pa boso traha pa Gobierno como boluntario sin cobra y biba , un tempo, di boso otro entrada(nan).

Si cada un di boso , no como parti di un grupo pero como persona individual , no ke traha como boluntario pa Gobierno , anto entrega boso trabao y habri caminda pa otro nan cu SI mester di entrada pa sobrevivi den e crisis aki.

Ora boso duna e bon ehempel, boso ta habri caminda pa tur otro tambe ta dispuesto pa entrega algo di nan entrada pa scapa Aruba.

Pueblo ta warda riba boso : demostra grandesa y duna ehempel.

Pa pensa riba sin miedo

Ruthy Vrieswijk-Bergen:

Nos tur ta sinti den aña 2020

Nos por tende tur anochi den e conferencia di prensa :"Keda cas!"
Pero pa algun ta algo un crenchi inaceptabel y dificil kisas
No ta nos tur ta den e mesun situacion den cada hogar cu nos famia
Tin algun cu tin un crenchi dificultad pa comunica y pa yena nan dia
Hopi di nos cu gusta core of bati caya
Awor ta haya ora nos faya
Nos por tende tur anochi den e conferencia di prensa "Laba man" y "Hunto nos por"!
Pero pa algun esaki ta fastioso, kisas pa falta di pordon y amor
Union den hogar, union den cas parce ta mas dificil cu union riba Aruba?
Nos isla y hopi otro isla y paisnan ta enfrentando e situacion doloroso aki sin duda
Presidentenan y autoridadnan cu man na cabes
Cu hopi stress y cansancio nan ta busca maneranan pa alivio y cura di mes
Pero manera un puzzel e dianan ta sigui cana, nos tur ta preocupa
Ki dia porfin e Corona virus aki lo bandona nos Aruba stima
Nos por tende tur anochi den e conferencia di prensa :"Keda cas !"
Pasobra ta na cas, den bo camber na rudia, bo tambe por pidi Dios pa sanacion y Paz
Imagina nos mes, un planeta tera sin guera, sin envidia, sin sufrimento
Un bida colma di amor, salud, paz, sabiduria, comprension y alegria tur momento
Purba ! Bo tambe por !!!! Si nos practica mas positivismo nos lo ta mas contento !



Candela den cura di cas bandona na Aureolastraat

ORANJESTAD - Diamars marduga e cas bandona den Aureolastraat y Santa Helenastraat tabata tin candela grandi den un cura di cas bandona.

Desconoci a pega esaki na candela, mientras e persona mes cu ta conoci pa autoridad tabata drumi den e cas sin coriente a core sali.

Polis ta topa cu e situacion y a notifica brandweer . Bomberonan a yega na e sitio y a domina e candela rapidamente. E homber cu ta biba den e cas a gradici polis pa a yud'e y asina a gui'e bek pa e bay paden.





Mucha di 3 aña a cana yega cas di hende

NOORD - Dialuna mainta un mucha homber di tres aña a cana kibra na un cas na Noord, debi cu e ta perdi y e no sa unda su mayornan ta.

E habitantenan di e cas a cuminsa papia cu e mucha, y a yama polis pa bin nan cas debi cu nan no sa kende e mucha ta. Patruya di Noord a presenta di biaha na e cas y a cuminsa papia cu e mucha homber di biaha y a tuma dato di e famia na e cas. Polis a bay warda cu e mucha unda eynan lo a yama e mayor pa hala su atencion.



Homber coriendo auto riba caya durante TDQ

ORANJESTAD - Dialuna anochi durante TDQ polis ta topa un auto riba caminda a duna e chauffeur señal pa para net dilanti di corte, riba JG Emmanstraat.

E homber a keda atendi pa Polis y e no tin permiso pa ta riba caya .



Homber coriendo bais deteni durante TDQ

SAN NICOLAS - Dialuna anochi patruya policial a topa cu un homber riba su bais pabou di Springfield, esaki tabata despues di 9 or anochi durante ora di Toque de Queda. A atende cu e homber di biaha informando e cu e no por ta riba caya y a keda deteni hiba warda.





Yerba pega na candela den cura di cas





TAMARIJN - Dialuna algo pasa di 11:30 di anochi den bario di Tamarijn desconoci a pega mondi na candela.

Aki ta unda tabata tin yen di yerba seco den un cura di cas y esaki a cuminsa cana bira mas grandi. Unidad di brandweer y polis a keda dirigi pa e sitio, bombero a drenta accion pa combati e candela rapidamente y evita pa e expande.

Dama cu a accidenta y persona cu a yud'e deteni





TURIBANA - Dialuna anochi durante TDQ den bario di Turibana un dama ta accidenta algo pasa di 9or, den un birada skerpi y e auto a keda pega.

Un homber a bin pa yuda e dama, pero tambe no ta permiti pa ta riba caya durante Toque de Queda, polis a detene ambos y hiba nan warda.

Homber cu a lanta cu polis a keda deteni





DAKOTA - Diamars durante oranan di atardi polis a bay atende cu un grupo hungando domino bou mata.

Durante cu e oficialnan tabata papia y mustra nan cu no por haci esaki, un di na a lanta y bira agresivo cu polis. Polis a pidi pa refuerso y asina detene e homber.



CEDE Aruba ta lansa campaña 'Happy to Give Back'

ORANJESTAD - COVID-19 ta sigui afecta Aruba su turismo, economia local y trahadonan, pa es motibo CEDE Aruba ta lansa su campaña 'Happy to Give Back' pa recauda fondo.

E iniciativa 'Happy to Give Back' ta pa provee ayudo inmediato na food bank local y pa continua yuda esnan den necesidad. Specialmente, nos grandinan, personanan cu ta den isolacion completo, muchanan y miles di personanan cu a perde nan trabao. Tur contribucion lo wordo haci riba diferente plataforma online.

"Nos isla ta den un situacion devastador, como Aruba su economia pilar, es ta 'turismo' a wordo completamente paralisa. Standard & Poor ta proyecta cu nos isla lo ta e pais mas afecta na mundo debi na e impacto di COVID-19 na nos turismo. Ta wordo proyecta cu mas di 25.000 persona lo perde trabao, cual ta casi un cuart di nos pueblo, pa cual nos mester di tur ayudo cu nos por haya.", segun Daniel Tecklenborg, Director di CEDE Aruba.

Aruba ta ricibi aproximadamente 1.2 miyon di bishitante pa aña, e iniciativa aki ta pa yama cada persona cu tin un conexion y amor pa Aruba pa duna sosten y ta 'Happy to Give Back' na nan destino faborito.

Pa mas informacion y con pa haci donacion na e iniciativa'Happy to Give Back', bishita: www.happytogiveback.com

Parlamentario Alan Howell(POR):

"Beter een vogel in de hand dan 10 in de lucht"

ORANJESTAD - Parlamentario Alan Howell durante reunion publico a uza un expresion na Hulandes cu nos tur a siña na scol 'beter een vogel in de hand dan 10 in de lucht'. Esaki tabata su forma pa expresa su opinion riba e terminacion di e contract cu Citgo.



E ta bisa cu nos tin un shot pa termina e acuerdo aki y haya por lo menos 16 miyon of di otro banda bay caminda di arbitrahe pa mas o menos 5 aña y wak kico nos ta haya, si logra haya. Si sigui e caminda di arbitrahe pa tur e añanan ey, San Nicolas lo sigui sangra, nos pueblo lo sigui sangra. Howell ta bisa cu nos tin e opcion di bisa e personanan aki pa coy nan maleta y bay y habri e opcion pa otro compania drenta y yena nos tankinan bashi y haya di e forma aki sikiera un cachi cachi.

"Mi hendenan di Aruba y specialmente di pariba di brug ta anhela pa mira movecion, pa mira pan riba nan mesa. Loke pueblo kier sa ta con e gobierno aki ta bay tin creatividad pa trece pan riba nan mesa y no kico e contract ta bisa of cua partido tin of no rason. Pa tal motibo ta urgi gobierno pa haci lo posibel pa termina e acuerdo aki, gradici Citgo pa e mal experiencia y hala kita. Nos tin cu sigui bay dilanti", parlamentario di POR a expresa.

Den e cuadro aki e tabatin algun pregunta pa gobierno:
Ki siguransa tin cu lo habri e refineria un biaha mas? Si no bay over na refineria ki otro opcion gobierno ta premira? Lo tin interesado pa otro opcion pa e tereno aki?
16n miyon lo bay destina na kico? Cu terminacion di acuerdo cu Citgo, gobierno lo por sigura esnan di pariba di brug cu lo trece trabou? Cuanto tanki bashi tin? Cuanto ta den bon condicion y cuanto den mal condicion? Ken mester drecha e tankinan? E lo trece trabou pa nos hendenan? Tin hende interesa den e terminal y si ta si cuanto nan ta?

Concluyendo Alan Howell a expresa cu el lo duna tur su contribucion na yuda Aruba bay dilanti. "Pueblo ta interesa pa sa kico lo pasa, con ta bay desaroya pariba. Pueblo kier siguransa cu gobierno ta bay garantisa cu lo tin luz den horizonte. No por sigui wak den un direccion so. Tin diferente alternativa cu no ta solamente refineria y si por haya desaroyonan cu por trece pan riba mesa mi lo sostene esakinan".

Parlamentario Mike de Meza(AVP):

'Pa sirbi interes di amigo, famia y sponsor situacion di corona virus por warda un rato pa un "fastball" urgente'



ORANJESTAD - Mientras cu tur merdia y anochi Prome Minister Evelyn Wever Croes ta dilanti television pidiendo y exigiendo di pueblo pa keda paden pa nan no yuda plama e viruos COVID-19, maniobranan y manipulacion ta tumando luga pa reparti propiedad di pueblo. Na momento cu pueblo ta sufri y tin cu entrega, ta insulta compania biyionario mas cu 300 miyon.

Mike de Meza, miembro di fraccion di AVP ta mustra cu e mesun dia cu Prome Minister ta participa na pueblo cu lo bin cu medida mas fuerte, ta organisa un conferencia di prensa di Refineria di Aruba, ya cu aparentemente esey ta un di e negoshinan esencial cu tin.

"Loke den e caso aki nos por papia di dje, ta cu loke ta esencial na Prome Minister Evelyn Wever Croes y su gobierno, ta di reparti e propiedadnan di pueblo di Aruba den refineria pa amigo y famianan, pa sponsornan di campaña, pa loke ta trata e oil terminal y terenonan di e refineria.

Ora cu bay mira e lista formula pa Prome Minister y su gobierno pa loke ta negoshinan esencial cu por funciona den e tempo aki di corona virus, ningun caminda ta para refineria pero fuera di maneho di e situacion cu tin pa loke ta salud di pueblo, acuerdo cu Citgo y kende lo haya pa maneha e oil terminal ta mas importante na e momentonan aki. Tin indicacion cu tin mas reunion tumando luga pa loke ta e refineria y areglo cu Citgo, cu e tempo cu gobierno ta dunando pa logra sosten financiero pa esunnan cu a perde nan trabou y na comercio local.

Ta un hecho bon cla caba cu gobierno ta purando henter e proceso di e refineria memey di un pandemia serio pa mundo henter y nos pais pero aparentemente ta manipulando tras di cortina pa bolbe perhudica pueblo den su totalidad.

Un conferencia di prensa cu ta bisa hopi di e manipulacion bisto cu ta tumando luga, sigur di un gobierno cu ta papia constantemente di transparencia pero cu ta bisa awor cu tin 18 compania interesa den e refineria (ya caba e lista di 25 compania a krimp), di cual 15 ta interesa den e oil termina y solamente tres pa loke ta reapertura di e refineria.

Aki tampoco gobierno ta menciona nomber di e tres companianan aki, mescos cu tanto Prome Minister Evelyn Wever Croes como Minister Andin Bikker ainda debe pueblo nomber di e tantisimo companianan cu nan a papia cu nan cu ta interesa den e refineria.

Riba dje Prome Minister a manda su mucha manda den persona di Richard Eman manera un payaso politico, bin papia di un asunto cu e no tin experticio aden, cu no sa unda su cara ta para y simplemente ta un popchi cu mester haci loke e ta wordo ordena pa haci.

Loke tambe a cay manera un sorpresa grandi pa tur hende ta e hecho cu recientemente a nombra ex Minister di Infrastructura Otmar Oduber den Hunta di Comisario di RDA, cu ta bolbe lanta hopi pregunta ta kico ta tumando luga cu propiedad di pueblo.

Awo ta cobra overbrugging-stoelage y entrada di RdA. Pero pueblo si mester entrega!

Ta mesun persona aki kende a bandona politica pa bay yuda su yiu den su negoshi pero awor tin tempo pa funciona como miembro di Hunta di Comisario di RDA, pues ta kedando den e mundo politico y no a bira lomba pa esaki. Sin duda presencia di su persona, cu semper a vocivera y demonstra di ta contra e refineria, awe den e hunta di comesario ta otro confirmacion cu tin manipulacionnan tumando luga, cu tin cosnan pasando caminda pueblo lo ta e ultimo pa haya sa kico ta pasando cu su propiedad caminda claramente ta trata di hinca e propiedad aki den mano di amigo y sponsornan".

Awor definitivamente final di refineria na Aruba, ayo ora cero y RdA na caminda pa bira e Serlimar part II, Parlamentario Mike de Meza a declara.

Parlamentario Edgard Vrolijk (MEP):

"Ningun momento ta regala Citgo 300 miyon florin"

ORANJESTAD - Diahuebs ultimo nos a trata den reunion publico e terminacion di e contracto di Citgo. Sigur porfin e pagina di Citgo a yega su final. Despues cu na 2016 a firma un contracto pa rehabilitacion di nos refinaderia y unda cu pais a duna Citgo nos terminal y tankinan pa nan por mantene esakinan y sigur percura pa crea entrada y tambe empleo pa nos pueblo. Y sigur e esencia di e reunion ta e pregunta cardinal lo ta regalando Citgo $175 miyon dollar.

Ley di 2016

E garantia di $175 miyon dollar aki ta uno cu ta destina pa desmantelacion si dado caso Citgo dicidi di desmantela e lo por depende e daño hasi un maximo di $150 miyon dollar destina pa esaki y cu gobierno no lo haya ni un florin pero ta e compania mes lo dicidi ta ken y con lo haci esaki.

Pero un punto importante ta e ley di 2016 cu parlamento di Aruba e tempo ey di signatura berde a pasa un ley unda ta exonera di 1989 te cu 2016 tur compania petrolero cu a explota e refineria di nan responsabilidad di dañonan haci na medio ambiente. Pues Citgo a haya e refineria sin ningun claim pa daño ambiental y sigur den bista cu di 2016 pa awo nada no a ser haci e daño ta uno minimo.

Caminda huridico largo

Pa por yega na e poco cu por claim e caminda legal ta uno largo pero sigur basa riba un articulo conoci como 'fors majeure' unda cu e sancionan di Merca ta cay den e articulo aki cu ta haci e situacion mas dificil pa procede. Banda di esaki ora a firma e contract aki a cera cu e compania cu no in placa y unda cu si logra gana e caso gastando hopi placa cu no tin, pa yega na esun cu tin esaki lo bo bay riba lista di creditornan cu tin embargo riba PDVSA. Y sigur pa ora caba e proceso aki no tin nada mas pa scapa y unico cos cu lo keda ta pa desmantela y ta esey ta claramente locual cu AVP kier.

Speransa nobo

E terminacion aki ta duna speransa cu sikiera a corto plazo por cuminsa opera e terminal y tambe haci uzo di e tankinan pa por wanta petroleo y crea entrada cu nos mester den bista di e crisis aki. Y banda di esaki por cuminsa busca opcionnan industrial riba e terenonan aki y sigur sigui explora si tin posibilidad pa un refineria mas moderno. Y awe cu e terminacion di e contract di Citgo aki mañan mes lo drenta $10 miyon dollar y otro siman otro $ 6 miyon di belasting y unda cu e lo yuda e luna aki cu entrada cu mester bay pa yuda esnan cu a perde trabou.

Den tur tempo dificil aki nos mester keda cu speransa cu cos lo bira miho pa nos na Aruba.



Curpa di Arubiano sin bida haya na Haarlem



HAARLEM (De Telegraaf) – Despues di un siman polis haya sa e identidad di e persona cu a ser haya morto siman pasa den e lago Mooie Nel cerca di Haarlem. A haya un hende homber di 31 aña di edad y no tin residencia permanente o residencia. Esaki ta locual polis di Noord-Holland a bisa De Telegraaf.

Diamars siman pasa personanan cu tabata pasando a wak un saco grandi di plastic flotando na e peninsula di Schoteroog. E curpa tabata lora den lona cu ducktape. Polis ta indica cu ta trata di e Arubiano Lindomar Maduro di 31 aña di edad.

Polis no kier duna mas detaye tocante e victima, pa motibo cu parti di su famia ainda no a ser informa tocante e descubrimento di e curpa. Ta asina cu e hoben di 31 aña a ser asesina Un ekipo di investigacion na gran scala ta investigando e asesinato.

Awo tin cla cu e auto a ser haya kima na e lago Mooie Nel na luna di februari no tin nada di haber cu e asesinato. Polis ta buscando posible testigonan cu recientemente a nota algo sospechoso den awanan recreacional.

Advertorial

Aruba Bank ta Introduci e Prome Self-Service Area na San Nicolas

Awor tin Self-Service Area na tur sucursal

ORANJESTAD - Cu e meta pa mehora e experiencia di e cliente Aruba Bank ta introduci e prome Self-Service Area na San Nicolas. E Self-Service Area ta ekipa cu un Smart Deposit Machine, un Customer Service Kiosk y un ATM.

Cu e Smart Deposit Machine, tur cliente di Aruba Bank por deposita placa cash riba nan cuenta, paga recibonan di utilidad (WEB, ELMAR, SETAR) y paga tarheta di credito. Tur e transaccionnan aki lo ta disponibel ariba cuenta di biaha.

E ventahanan aki ta disponibel pa clientenan tanto individual y negoshinan, cu tin un tarheta di debito (ATM). E deposito di biyetenan por ta tanto na Florin como na Dollar Mericano (AWG y USD), cada uno mester wordo deposita apart.

Ademas di e Smart Deposit Machine e Self-Service Area ta consisti di mashin di ATM y Customer Service Kiosk. E servicio di ATM machine ta bay mas leu cu simplemente lanta placa y check bo balans. Awor por cambia PIN, mira of print mini statement, incluso transferi di cuenta pa cuenta. Awor nos sucursal di San Nicolas ta conta cu dos ATM pa sirbi e comunidad di San Nicolas



mas miho.

Na e Customer Service Kiosk, bo por haci cambio di bo informacion personal, activa text banking, link un cuenta na un ATM card, incrementa e limite di ATM, reemplasa un credit card, raporta un credit card perdi of horta, pidi un card PIN number, pidi un overdraft, haci transferencia pa otro persona y hopi mas. E Self Service Area ta habri for di 7'or di mainta pa 9'or di anochi.

Salud di comunidad ta na prome luga, Aruba Bank ta encurasha tur cliente pa haci uzo di nan Self-Service Area na Cama

Minister Xiomara Maduro:

Rating di Aruba pa motibo di pandemia COVID-19

ORANJESTAD – Recientemente minister Xiomara Maduro a haya e noticia cu e compania di rating internacional Fitch a baha credit rating (grado di credibilidad financiero) di Aruba cu dos grado y cu un prospecto negativo. Esaki ta debi na e consecuencia di COVID-19 pa Aruba.

Despues cu na april 2019 Aruba a logra mantene su 'investment grade rating' na BBB-, un aña despues Fitch a 'downgrade' Pais Aruba cu dos notch down na BB-, cu ta nifica cu Pais Aruba ta perde su credibilidad financiero.

Fitch ta relata cu e bahada aki ta refleha un caida fuerte riba economia di Aruba debi na e perdida riba e entrada di turismo den añanan 2020 y 2021 y tambe e deterioro di e cuentanan fiscal y entrada internacional. Alabes Fitch ta proyecta cu e Debe/GDP lo subi na 92.6% en comparacion cu 62.8% na aña 2019. Tur esakinan a causa e bahada den e 'investment grade rating' di Pais Aruba como consecuencia di e pandemia mundial di COVID-19.

E mandatario ta enfatisa cu apesar di tur e desafionan financiero y economico grandi cu e pandemia mundial di coronavirus sin precedencia a trece pa Aruba, Gobierno ta trahando cu un actitud positivo pa por logra surpasa e momento dificil aki. Pais Aruba por conta cu un Gobierno cu ta sigui traha duro pa Aruba, hunto cu e forsa di coherencia di nos hendenan y cu fe den Todopoderoso Aruba por recobra un 'investment grade rating' satisfactorio y credibilidad financiero bek. Por lesa e rapport di Fitch riba https://www.fitchratings.com/research/sovereigns/fitch-downgrades-aruba-ratings-to-bb-outlook-negative-08-04-2020



Mediador di Gobierno y keho laboral

Dunado di trabao no por kibra condicion di trabao unilateralmente

ORANJESTAD - Mediador di Gobierno, Anselmo Pontilius ta riba e mesun linea cu minister di Labor, Glenbert Croes y director di departamento di Labor (DAO), Franklin Kock riba nan preocupacion debi na cierto problema y abuso presenta riba mercado laboral durante e crisis di coronavirus/Covid-19.

Pontilius a reitera cu nos leynan laboral ta keda vigente. Pues un dunado di trabao p.e cu a dicidi su so, sin keda consulta cu su trahado individual o colectivamente, por haci su keho. Si por ehempel e dunado di trabao a haci algo riba salario di e trahado den luna di maart caba, e ta kere cu e trahado ta keda cu su derecho di entrega su keho pa esaki keda registra na departamento di Labor via tel: 523-7720, 594-3185 of 594-3092 durante 8'or di mainta te cu 12'or di merdia entre dialuna pa diabierna. Email: dao.arbeidsgeschillen@gmail.com

Logicamente tin tempo pa bay atende cu e keho aki. Pero e ta kere cu e dunado di trabao cu a haci esey, mester sa cu el a viola un ley. E dunado di trabao pa medio di DAO mester yega na un acuerdo cu e trahado definitivo. Logicamente bo ta spera cu e companianan aki ta keda existi despues di e crisis aki. Ya cu un trahado cu hopi aña di servicio ta un trahado permanente, caminda e dunado di trabao no sin mas por dicidi den un decision laboral di forma unilateral pa kibra condicion di trabao.

Mediador igualmente a splica cu caminda cu tin contract colectivo (CAO), e dunado di trabao hunto cu e sindicato ta yega na palabracionnan por escrito. Esey tambe ta obligacion di e dunado di trabao, caminda unda no tin CAO of sindicato cu ta representa e trahadonan. Pasobra -segun Mediador- tanto e dunado di trabao como e trahado tin un acuerdo mutuo caminda e condicion di trabao ta stipula, tanto orario, salario, condicionnan primario y secundario, etc...

E ta reitera cu cualkier grupo di trahado -no ta importante e tipo di empresa- mester sinti cu nan dunado di trabao, si nan a actua di un forma di panico pa loke ta e luna di maart. Si nan no por a yega na acuerdo, ta su deber pa bay DAO y entrega un keho y cu e keho aki por keda documenta.



E ta consciente cu e crisis actual ta uno dramatico, pero e no ta kere cu niun compania no tabata den posicion di no paga salario completo pa fin di maart. Departamento di Mediador di Gobierno a conoce caso di companianan cu a coregi esaki despues cu e trahadonan a bay reclama. Tambe tin companianan cu a manda e trahadonan cu vakantie paga, y esey ta posibel. Unabes cu e vakantie caba e companianan a yega di notifica nan trahadonan pa yega na un acuerdo pa wak con nan lo sigui durante e proximo lunanan.

Logicamente cada dunado di trabao lo tin cu bay evalua luna pa luna con e situacion di su empresa ta. Den e situacion actual tin un cantidad di compania cu no sa mes, si nan ta bay keda existi mirando nan situacion, segun Pontilius. Cada compania ta distinto y cada un di nan tin nan realidad financiero, y nan compromisonan.

Advertorial

Serlimar ta pidi comunidad di Aruba pa deshaci di nan sushi na e forma corecto



ORANJESTAD - Den ultimo simannan Serlimar a ripara cu comunidad ta haciendo rond di nan cas limpi pa motibo cu sea hopi hende ta na cas y tin mas tempo pa haci esaki. Serlimar ta aplaudi esaki totalmente, pero a bin constata cu tin hende ta tira sushi den mondi.

Pa motibo di e situacion di Corona Virus, Serlimar a haya su mes confronta di cera Dump na Parkietenbos no solamente pa e siguridad di empleadonan sino pa publico tambe.

Serlimar ta urgi na comunidad di Aruba pa no tira sushi den mondi y tampoco rond di Aruba. Si acaso cu mester servicio pa recoge gran cantidad di sushi di cas, semper por haci uso di containernan di 20 of 30 yrd cual ta recomendabel pa tira tur bo sushinan den e container aki. E otro opcion cu tin ta cu por yama na Serlimar na 5245080 pa asina haci un peticion pa recoge e desperdicio di cura of articulonan bieu di cas cu tambe ta un servicio cu nos ta ofrece.

Serlimar lo sigui recoge sushi di cas semanalmente. Si pa descuido Serlimar no a pasa na bo cas por yama na 5245080 pa nos atende cu esaki lo mas pronto cu ta posibel.

Minister Maduro:

Reino Hulandes cu yudansa pa enfrenta e sla financiero y economico di covid-19



ORANJESTAD – Den e siguiente comunicado di prensa, Minister Xiomara Maduro ta brinda informacion riba e yudansa di Reino Hulandes pa Aruba por cuminsa enfrenta e sla financiero y economico di COVID-19.

Sosten di likides, subsidio di salario y fianza na 0% ta parti di e yudansa di Reino

ReinoHulandes na e momentonan aki ta den dialogo pa asina tuma decision na ki manera e Paisnan den Reino lo por yuda otro pa enfrenta y surpasa e crisis economico y financiero cu COVID-19 ta trece cune. Den e reunion di Conseho di Minister di Reino di diahuebs 9 di april, a tuma e decision pa cuminsa yuda, entre otro, Aruba, cu sosten di likides, subsidio pa salario y fianza na 0% di interes.

Sosten di likides

Pa mitiga contagio cu Covid-19, Aruba a bay den un lockdown. Cu esaki nos a cera pa entrada di turismo cu ta e ader principal di nos economia. E lockdown ta pone cu 80% di entrada di turismo ta cay afo y cune entrada den caha di Gobierno tambe ta keda afecta. Pa percura cu Gobierno por sigui cumpli cu su obligacionnan financiero, pa mantene e sistema di seguridad social y pa brinda alivio, Conseho di Minister di Reino ta brinda yudansa di inmediato den forma di sosten di likides na e suma di 42,8 miyon florin, manera cu CAFT a recomenda pa e prome luna y mey. E suma aki ta menos cu e 76 miyon florin cu Gobierno ta calcula cu tin mester na likides na e momentonan aki, pero e ta un comienso di sosten.

Subsidio pa salario

Banda di sosten di likides, Conseho di Minister di Reino a dicidi pa brinda Aruba yudansa den forma di subsidio pa salario cu e meta pa comercio mantene cupo di trabou. Pa por haci uso di yudansa aki, Gobierno ta trahando riba e calculacionnan necesario pa asina por haya aprobacion pa e suma cu cual Gobierno por yuda cubri parti di e salario di e trahadonan den sector priva. Mester remarca cu e forma di yudansa aki ta uno costoso cu na promer instante no tabata conta cu aprobacion, pero cu despues toch a keda recomenda pa CAFT na Conseho di Minister di Reino. Prome cu 1 di mei Aruba lo entrega un plan pa aprobacion di e yudansa aki na comercio.

Fianza na 0%

Conseho di Minister di Reino riba conseho di CAFT a dicidi cu tur ayudo cu Aruba ta haya den forma di sosten di likides y subsidio di salario, lo ta den forma di un fianza na 0% di interes. Esaki ta e facilidad di 'zachtelening' cu largo tempo Aruba tabata purba haya di Hulanda, pero cu tabata condiciona na rekisitonan cu Aruba no por a cumpli ainda cu nan. Aki dos aña Aruba lo haya e oportunidad pa refinancia e fianzanan aki y na e momento ey lo stipula e termino y otro condicionnan di pago.

Stress y ansiedad por tin efecto negativo riba salud

ORANJESTAD - Durante e temporada aki di crisis relaciona cu COVID-19 (Coronavirus), y manera cu nos bida ta cambiando relaciona cu Coronavirus, e ta hopi importante pa nos tene na cuenta varios factor cu por afecta nos na un forma emocional, mental y fisico cu nos no ta desea of ta prepara pe.

Un pandemia di malesa infeccioso, manera Coronavirus ta causa y aumenta e nivel di stress, preocupacion y ansiedad pa un persona y su famia. Miedo y ansiedad tocante un enfermedad y tur su consecuencianan por trece preocupacionnan serio y causa emocionnan fuerte entre adulto y muchanan den un famia. E emocionnan aki por escala na problema den famia y por resulta den violencia domestico caminda e mucha tambe ta bira un victima.

No ta solamente e stress por haci bo daño pero tambe e miedo pa bo salud y di bo sernan keri. Otro factornan cu tambe por afecta bo estado di salud ta e insiguridad relaciona cu e cambionan abrupto den nos bida diario, insiguridad financiero, dificultad pa drumi of concentra, aumento den uzo di alcohol, tabaco of otro droganan y mas. Tur esakinan ta factornan cu ta acumula door di stress y preocupacion y cu por resulta den comportacion y decisionnan indesea.

Durante e temporada di crisis aki nos mester presta mas atencion riba esnan rond di nos. Specialmente esnan vulnerabel cu ta personanan mas grandi den edad, esnan cu enfermedad cronico cu ta na riesgo mas halto pa bira malo, nos muchanan y hobennan, y personanan cu condicionnan mental. Nan ta e gruponan cu por ser afecta mas fuertemente na stress durante temponan di crisis.

Sociaal Crisiplan ta keda traha pa e bienestar di nos muchanan, hoben y famianan den nos comunidad, specialmente famianan cu por ta pasando den problemanan social.

Tur hende ta reacciona diferente na e situacion di stress y preocupacion. Con abo ta responde na un crisis por haci un diferencia importante pa bo mes y bo famia. Si bo persona ta sinti cu bo mester di sosten of ayudo psicologico durante e temporada dificil aki yama e Hotline 2810909 pa asina papia cu un profesional. Nan t'ey pa bo tur dia di 2'or merdia te cu 10'or anochi. Atende di un forma responsabel y positivo cu e stress y preocupacionnan den e periodo di crisis aki, lo haci abo y bo famia mas fuerte.



Mama di basketbolista Karl-Anthony Towns ta muri pa coronavirus

MERCA (BBC) – Mama di centro di Minnesota Timberwolves, Karl-Anthony Towns a fayece di complicacion di coronavirus.

Luna pasa, Towns a post un video riba rednan social urgiendo hende tuma e virus na serio, despues cu su mama Jacqueline a ser poni den un coma medico.

El a fayece dialuna, mas cu un luna despues di contrae e virus, cu 58 aña di edad. Su famia a bisa cu nan ta 'devasta'. "Jackie tabata hopi cos pa hopi hende - un esposa, mama, yiu, wela, ruma, tanta y amiga", e famia a bisa. "E matriarca di famia Towns, e tabata un fuente increibel di fortalesa; un persona anima, cariñoso, y extremadamente amoroso, kende a touch tur kende el a conoce. Su pasion tabata palpabel y su energia nunca lo ser reemplasa."

Timberwolves a bisa: "Den e mas di cuatro aña cu nos tabatin e fortuna di conoce Jackie, el a bira parti di nos famia. Como fanatico number un di Karl, Jackie a provee energia positivo constante p'e y tabata stima pa henter nos organisacion."



No tin fecha nobo pa Tour de France cancela pa virus



PARIS (AP) – Despues di simannan manteniendo speransa cu Tour de France lo por bay dilanti segun plan a pesar di pandemia di coronavirus, e careda di ciclismo mas famoso di mundo finalmente a agrega un lista di eventonan deportivo cancela.

E lo por tuma luga e aña aki ainda, pero ta cla cu e careda di tres siman no lo cuminsa dia 27 di juni proximo na e ciudad Riviera di Nice segun programa.

Presidente Frances, Emmanuel Macron efectivamente a tuma e decision aki den su discurso na e nacion dialuna, ora el a anuncia cu tur evento publico cu multitud grandi mester ta cancela te sikiera mita di juli.

"Mirando cu awo ta imposibel pa Tour cuminsa riba su fecha planea, nos ta consultando cu Union Internacional di Ciclismo pa purba di haya fecha nobo", organisadonan di e careda a bisa ayera.

Ultimo biaha cu no a tene e Tour tabata na 1946, cu e pais ainda saliendo di Segundo Guera Mundial. Tambe a stop durante Prome Guera Mundial.

Mientras e evento mas grandi di ciclismo por keda completamente cancela, organisadonan ta discutiendo fechanan potencial despues. Plan nobo por wordo anuncia pa fin di april despues di discusion entre organisado Amaury Sport Organisation y Union Internacional di Ciclismo.

Organisadonan probablemente no lo preferi pa tene e careda sin e cantidad di fanatic cant'i caminda y pase montañoso di Francia - un idea proponi anteriormente pa minister di Deporte Frances, Roxana Maracineanu.

Miyones di fanatico ta mira e careda cada aña den un atmosfera festivo na varios region. E evento e aña aki tin 21 etapa, cu esun mas largo extendiendo 218km. Miles di agente policial ta necesario pa tene e multitud bou control y yuda negocia paso sigur pa e coredonan.

Coredonan tambe mester ta fisicamente cla pa e careda duro - y capaz di atende esaki. Despues di simannan cera, competidonan probablemente lo tin mester di varios siman mas pa ta den forma di careda.

Tokyo no tin plan B pa pospone olimpiada atrobe

TOKYO (AP) –No tin 'Plan B' pa Olimpiada si mester pospone esaki un biaha mas pa motibo di pandemia di coronavirus, segun organisadonan na Tokyo a bisa ayera.

Masa Takaya, vocero pa Olimpiada di Tokyo, a bisa cu organisadonan ta procediendo asumiendo cu Olimpiada lo tin apertura dia 23 di juli 2021. Paralimpiada lo sigui dia 24 di augustus.

Comite Olimpico Internacional (IOC) y oficialnan Hapones a pone e fechanan aki luna pasa despues cu pandemia di coronavirus a laga cla cu Tokyo2020 no lo por tuma luga segun programa.

"Nos ta trahando pa e meta nobo", Takaya a bisa, papiando na Ingles den un teleconferencia cu periodista. "Nos no tin Plan B."

Severidad di e pandemia y cantidad di morto a lansa pregunta si lo ta posibel pa tene Olimpiada den apenas 15 luna. "Lo unico cu mi por bisa awe ta cu e fecha nobo pa tanto Olimpiada cu Paralimpiada a ser poni", Takaya a bisa. "Den e respecto aki, Tokyo2020 y tur

Presidente di IOC, Thomas Bach a ricibi pregunta tocante posibilidad di pospone den un entrevista publica den corant Aleman, Die Welt diadomingo. E no a contesta e pregunta directamente, pero a bisa despues cu organisadonan Hapones y prome minister Shinzo Abe a indica cu nan 'no lo por maneha un posponemento mas leu cu proximo berano'.

Olimpiada ta atrae 11mil atleta y Paralimpiada 4,400 atleta y cantidad grandi di personal di sosten di 206 comite Olimpico nacional. Tambe tin pregunta tocante biahe, re- reservacion di hotel, pone yen fanatico den arena y stadion, sigura sitionan y e costonan enorme di reprograma, cual ta calcula na Hapon na alrededor di $2 biyon pa $6 biyon.

CEO di comite organisado di Tokyo, Toshiro Muto a aborda e asunto den un conferencia di prensa diabierna ultimo. Ta probabel cu e lo ricibi e pregunta aki atrobe diahuebs, ora cu organisadonan local y IOC tene un teleconferencia cu medionan na Hapon.

E otro pregunta mayor ta costo di e retraso, y ken mester paga.

Bach a bisa den e entrevista diadomingo cu IOC lo incuri 'varios cientos di miyones di dollar' den costo agrega.

Tokyo ta bisa cu ta gastando $12.6 biyon pa organisa Olimpiada. Pero un auditoria di gobierno Hapones publica aña pasa ta bisa cu e costo ta dobel. Di e gasto total, $5. Biyon ta placa priva, cu e resto di gobiernonan Hapones.



Liam Payne a confirma reunion di One Direction na caminda



(Infobae) - E ex- miembro di e famoso band Britanico a afirma cu, hunto cu su ex- compañeronan, ta planeando un re-encuentro pa conmemora e di dies aniversario di e grupo.

Cuatro aña despues di anuncia su separacion, e integrantenan di One Direction lo reuni un biaha mas riba escenario. Asina a confirma Liam Payne mes, kende ta preparando un concierto como parti di e celebracion di e di 10 aniversario di e grupo den luna di juli.

Payne a revela cu tanto e como su ex- compañeronan di One Direction ta den contacto pa planea un re-encuentro. "Nos tin e fecha di aniversario na caminda, pues nos ta papiando hopi durante ultimo simannan", e cantante, kende actualmente ta promocionando su single 'Midnight', a bisa The Sun.

E pregunta di mas grandi ta si ta trata di cuatro of cinco integrante. Payne a confirma cu e ta mantene comunicacion constante cu Niall Horan, Louis Romlinson - kende den e ultimo cuatro aña a perde tragicamente tanto su mama como su ruman muhe di 18 aña - y Harry Styles, pero tin un pregunta riba kico lo pasa cu Zayn Malik, kende na 2015 a anuncia su retiro oficial di One Direction memey di un gira mundial.

Segun e cantante a revela, e encuentronan aki ta hopi productivo: "Pa scucha un cantidad di voz di hende y mira contenido bieu y cosnan distinto cu nos no a mira pa hopi tempo, of nos no a mira nunca, ta hopi interesante."

Sinembargo, e artista no a revela mas tocante e noticia di e regreso di One Direction. "Pa awo mi no sa kico mi mag di bisa." Toch el a expresa su alegria pa e reunion: "Mas cu tur cos, ta tremendo pa ta hunto un biaha mas."

Sinembargo, e regreso riba escenario tin como unico motibo e celebracion di 10 aña desde cu a forma e banda, y por lo tanto, no lo ta algo duradero. E grupo lo uni pa e proyecto concreto aki, y den teoria, cada uno lo continua su carera solo despues.

Liam Payne tambe tabatin elogio pa Harry Styles, como pa e resto di su ex- compañeronan. "Ta increibel, y tur tabatin un gran exito. Ta tremendo pa scucha hopi di e cosnan cu Harry ta haciendo na e momentonan aki. Mi ta stim'e hopi, mi ta mir'e riba e 'charts' tur ora. Mi ta kere cu realmente el a haya un zonido, cual ta un gran alegria pa mira."

Jon Bon Jovi ta pidi muchanan di kleuter: 'Haci loke boso por'

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Un maestro di kleuter na Florida a trece su les virtual na un nivel mas halto dialuna, na momento cu icono di musica rock, Jon Bon Jovi a aparece durante un les tocante bida durante cuarentena pa coronavirus.

Luna pasa, e cantante ganado di Grammy a revela un version incompleto di 'Do What You Can', cual ta un balada tocante e bataya di e nacion pa contene e virus, y a pidi su fanaticonan pa entrega versonan pa yuda completa e cantica, segun Palm Beach Post.

Michael Bonick, un maestro na Marsh Pointe Elementary School na Palm Beach Gardens y fanatico de por vida di Bon Jovi, a mira e invitacion y a haya informacion di contacto online pa un miembro di personal di Bon Jovi. El a manda e escritonan di su studiantenan tocante keda na cas durante cuarentena.

Un miembro di personal a contesta cu Bon Jovi tabata kier a conoce e muchanan, y el a aparece riba pantaya di nan laptop pa 10am dialuna.

"Meneer B. a pone boso skirbi y mi tabata hopi emociona di tende esaki", e ex- cantante di Bon Jovi a bisa e studiantenan, "pasobra si bo pone bo sentimentonan riba papel tin biaha nan ta bira un cantica, tin biaha nan ta bira un storia y bo nunca sa unda esaki por hiba bo."

Te awo, e cantante a ricibi miles di propuesta online, algun di nan e ta agrega den presentacion di e cantica cu e ta transmiti online for di su cas na New Jersey.
Mientras e 20 mucha di kleuter - y nan mayornan - tabata mira, Bon Jovi a toca un guitara acustico y a canta tres escrito di e muchanan tocante bida den cuarentena, tur tocando riba temanan di isolacion y haci nada.

Despues di canta ocho linea terminando cu 'mi mayornan ta haci nan best/ pero mi sa cu nan tin stress', el a felicita e autor, un mucha homber yama AJ. "Bo ta un strea di rock and roll, nos a skirbi esaki hunto, ami y abo."

Bonick siman pasa a duna huiswerk y curasha e muchanan chikito pa skirbi tocante unda nan ta y cu ken nan ta. El a bisa cu e tema recurente tabata ta sera na cas, cu ta ok pasobra e kier pa e muchanan documenta nan bida den un tempo asina extraordinario.

"Unabes nos sali di esaki - pasobra nos lo sali di esaki - ta historia", el a bisa.



Singapore ta stop Zoom pa educacion online despues di atake di hacker

HONG KONG (AP) — Singapore a suspende uso di Zoom pa educacion online despues cu hackernan a interumpi un les y a mustra imagennan obsceno na e studiantenan.

Den locual ta conoci como 'Zoombombing', dos hacker a interumpi un les di geografia (aardrijkskunde) un dia despues cu Singapore a cera scol diaranson siman pasa den medidanan di lockdown parcial pa yuda mitiga transmision local di coronavirus.

Lesnan a bay online, cu algun maestro usando herment di video conferencia manera Zoom.

Ministerio di Educacion di Singapore a bisa cu ta investigando e 'incidentenan serio' y por entrega reporte di polis. "Nos ta trahando caba cu Zoom pa mehora su settings di siguridad y haci e medidanan aki di siguridad cla y facil pa sigui", segun Aaron Loh, director di e Division di Tecnologia Educacional di e Ministerio. "Como medida di precaucion, nos maestronan lo suspende uso di Zoom te cu por drecha e asuntonan di siguridad aki", Loh a bisa.

Singapore no ta e unico pais afecta pa interupcion di teleconferencia. FBI a lansa un advertencia dia 30 di maart ultimo, consehando usuarionan pa evita haci reunion di Zoom publico, despues cu a ricibi varios reporte di hackernan interumpiendo teleconferencia y les online mustrando mensahe di odio of gritando profanidad.

Parti di e problema di 'Zoombombing' ta tuma luga pasobra usuarionan ta crea reunion publico pa motibo di conveniencia. Esey ta permiti cualkier persona join un reunion tanten cu tin un link p'e, segun Michael Gazeley, managing director y co-fundado di compania di siguridad cibernetico Network Box.

Siman pasa, Zoom a implementa medidanan di siguridad mas fuerte, manera permiti password y sala di espera virtual pa usuarionan. "Nos ta hopi afecta pa e reportenan di acoso riba nos plataforma y fuertemente ta condena e comportamento aki", un vocero di Zoom a bisa den un declaracion. "Nos ta scuchando nos comunidad di usuarionan pa yuda nos evoluciona nos maneho y yuda nos usuarionan protege contra e atakenan aki."



Investigadonan di siguridad anteriormente a haya vulnerabilidad di software den Zoom, particularmente pa usuarionan di Mac, unda hackernan por tuma over e 'feed' di webcam di un usuario. Desde esey, Zoom a drecha e problema.

Merca ta aproba prome test di slijm pa diagnostica virus nobo



WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigadonan di universidad Rutgers a ricibi aprobacion di gobierno Mericano pa e prome test di slijm pa yuda diagnostica COVID-19, un maneho nobo cu por yuda expande opcion di test y reduci riesgo di infeccion pa trahadonan di cuido di salud.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) a autorisa e test bou su podernan di emergencia pa rapidamente aproba test y terapia nobo pa combati e brote, segun e universidad na New Jersey a bisa dialuna. E test inicialmente lo ta disponibel na clinica y hospital afilia na e universidad. E anuncio ta yega mientras comunidadnan rond Merca ta sigui lucha cu test pa yuda track y contene e virus.

E maneho actual pa screening pa COVID-19 ta rekeri trahadonan di cuido di salud tuma un muestra for di nanishi of garganta di un pashent. Pa minimisa riesgo di infeccion, hopi hospital y clinica ta instrui personal pa descarta glove y mondmask despues di contacto cercano cu cualkier persona cu por tin e virus. Y hopi institucion ta luchando cu escasez di suministronan medico, incluyendo glove, mondmask y swab pa tuma e muestra.

Cu e test nobo basa riba slijm, pashentnan ta ricibi un tubo di plastic den cual nan ta scupi varios biaha. Despues nan ta entrega e tubo bek na e trahado di salud pa procesa den laboratorio. "Esaki ta preveni profesionalnan di cuido di salud di mester ta den e cara di un persona cu tin sintoma", segun Andrew Brooks, kende ta dirigi e laboratorio na Rutgers cu a desaroya e test.

Rutgers a test e precision di su metodo tumando tanto muestranan di slijm como swab di 60 pashent. E resultadonan di muestra di slijm tabata 100% igual na resultadonan di swab.

Rutgers a desaroya e metodo di laboratorio pa e test usando kit di colecta slijm di Spectrum Solutions, un compania na Utah cu ta provee aparatonan similar pa servicio di test DNA. E laboratorio di Rutgers actualmente por procesa 10mil muestra di pashent pa dia, segun Brooks.

Den su carta di autorisacion pa Rutgers, FDA a bisa cu e test mester wordo realisa unicamente 'den un situacion di cuido di salud bou supervision di un dunado di cuido cu a ricibi training'. FDA no a aproba ningun test di COVID-19 pa usa na cas, maske varios compania a anuncia plan pa haci nan disponibel. Adicionalmente, FDA a bisa cu pashentnan cu test negativo cu e kit di slijm mester confirma nan resultado cu un di dos metodo di test.

NASA ta mira un 'dragon' riba Mars

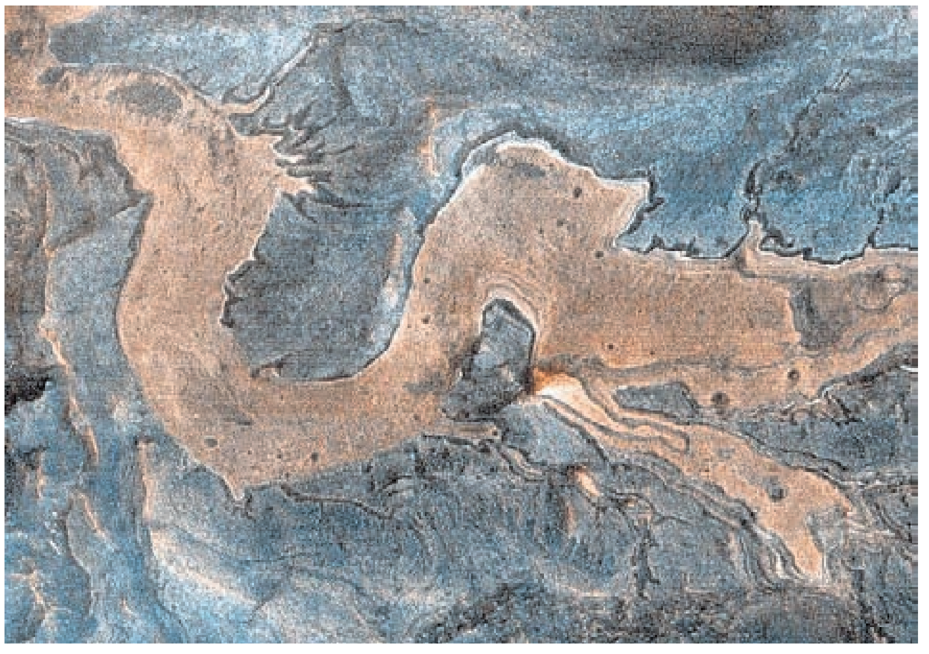
MERCA (CNET) - Combina un imaginacion activo cu un imagen di Mars, y bo lo por mira un tapijt, un insignia di Star Trek, of hasta Pac-Man riba e planeta cora. E team tras di e camara HiRise riba e Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter di NASA a imagina un dragon.

Team HiRise a comparti un imagen di un cañon riba Mars como un potret di dia. "Nos a bolter e imagen di un material bloki den Melas Chasma sur occidental, pasobra for di e perspectiva aki, e ta parce un dragon Chines", e grupo a tweet.

E sitio HiRise maneha pa universidad di Arizona a destaca un serie di valle chikito cerca di e parti abou di e imagen. "Varios di e depositonan color cla ta mira unicamente den e valle, sugeriendo cu nan ta sea deposita of exponi pa erosion", e team a skirbi.

Melas Chasmas ta un parti di e sistema di cañon masivo Valles Marineri, ubica den ecuador di e planeta. "Tin evidencia di accion di tanto awa como biento como modo di formacion pa hopi di e depositonan interior", NASA a bisa na 2017 tocante Melas Chasma.

Camara di MRO originalmente a captura e potret parecido na dragon na aña 2007. E ta resalta e rikesa di imagen historico den archivo di HiRise. E orbiter ta den residencia na Mars pa mas di 14 aña y ta sigui manda imagen valioso di e superficie di e planeta, mientras ta investiga historia di awa eynan.



Cruz Cora Aruba : Yuda nos yuda otro



ORANJESTAD - Den e fin di siman ultimo, un biaha mas, Cruz Cora Aruba a subi caya y duna un man na diferente area di Aruba. Esunnan cu ta pasando dificil y tabata tin mester di un cuminda por a haya esaki. Cu sosten di Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort, Cruz Cora por a reparti 200 cuminda cayente y 200 friu.

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Acto di entiero lo wordo anuncia despues.

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di boso Curazon, mi por stens di loke Señor ta hasi"
Salmo 33**

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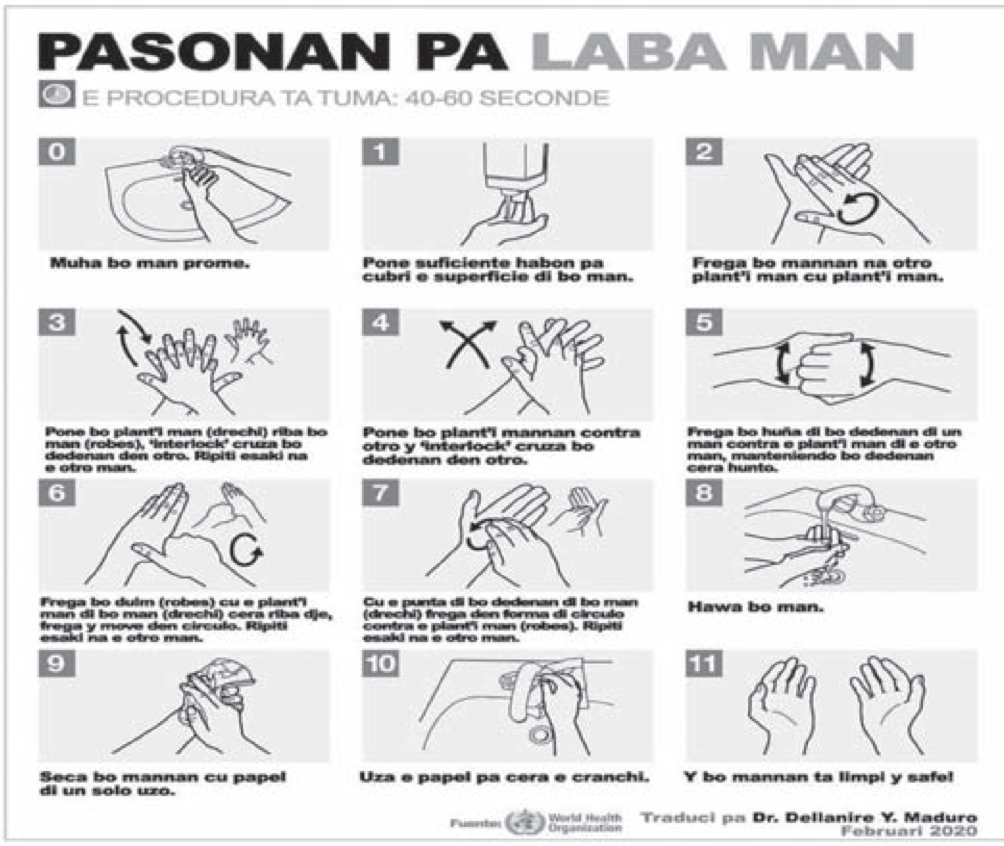
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Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/15

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

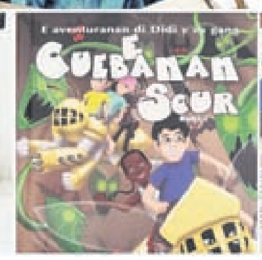
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Den kibra di marduga (2017)
Desiree Correa ('53) ta bon conoci den e mundo di buki na Aruba. Desde su debut cu e buki na Hulandes pa hoben, 'Mosa's Eiland', na aña 1984, cual keto bay ta wordo lesa na scol, Desiree a sigui produci obra pa mucha y na Papiamento. Varios buki a sigui despues di 'Mosa's eiland' como por ehempel: 'Un Nomber pa e Prinses', 'Un chispa di Tempo', 'Compa Nanzi', 'Drumi dushi', 'Domi di den mondi', 'Doño di curpa' y 'Manuel' ta mas dirigi riba e grupo meta hoben. Desiree a participa como 15 aña na e Festival di Buki pa Mucha y te ainda ta hopi activo den promocion di lesamento cerca mucha '. Prome autornan di buki pa mucha local cu a yuda duna contenido na e prome festival tabata Desiree Correa, Josette Daal, Frances Kelly y Richard Piternella. Desiree Correa a traha tambe cu e Proyecto Idioma di Departamento di Enseñansa. Den su tempo liber e ta haci hopi traduccion y naturalmente e ta sigui cu e pasion di su bida cu ta skirbimento. SI ta desea contacto cu sra. Correa por bishita su page riba Facebook.



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Obama endorses Biden as the best leader for 'darkest times'

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The former president called Sanders an "American original" and backed his frequent call for "structural change." But he also said that while Democrats "may not always agree on every detail," they must unify to defeat Republicans.

"The Republicans occupying the White House and running the U.S. Senate are not interested in progress," he said. "They're interested in power."

Biden now has the support of all of his former Democratic primary rivals except for Elizabeth Warren. The Massachusetts senator is expected to formally endorse Biden soon, according to a person familiar with her plans who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss her thinking.

Two other prominent Democrats who have yet to publicly back Biden are former President Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton, the party's 2016 nominee. Hillary Clinton has been in regular touch with Biden, including several times since Sanders dropped out of the race, according to an aide.

Obama avoided intervening in the Democratic primary, but followed the race closely from the sidelines and is eager to take a more active public role. He's expected to headline fundraisers for Biden and public events in key swing states, if such gatherings can still be held given social distancing guidelines during the coronavirus pandemic.

After his endorsement was released, Obama sent a fundraising appeal to Biden supporters, asking for donations ranging from $5 to $100.

The endorsement will test whether Obama can transfer his personal popularity to Biden. While the former president is seen favorably by a wide swath of Democratic voters, he was also a deeply polarizing figure during his two terms in office. During his presidency, Democrats lost about 1,000 legislative seats around the country, starting with disastrous 2010 midterms that also cost the party control of the House and many statehouses.

In 2018, he campaigned for some winning Senate and gubernatorial candidates, like Sen. Jacky Rosen in Nevada and Gov. Tony Evers in Wisconsin. But his influence seemed less powerful in other places such as Florida.

The Trump campaign noted that Obama tacitly discouraged Biden from running for president in 2016 and said the former president is only backing him now because everyone else has dropped out of the primary.

"Now that Biden is the only candidate left in the Democrat field, Obama has no other choice but to support him," Brad Parscale, Trump's campaign manager, said in a statement.

Though Obama stayed out of the primary, Biden frequently pointed to their time together in the White House. Biden often spoke of the "Obama-Biden" administration when talking about various accomplishments and referred to himself as an "Obama-Biden Democrat."

But he also insisted he was running as his own man, telling anyone who asked that he urged Obama not to endorse him out of the gate or even in the thick of the primary.

Obama's tenure became a sort of punching bag for some presidential hopefuls in a primary fight that early on was defined by a debate over the need for generational and systemic change versus a return to normalcy after the Trump era.

Julián Castro pushed Biden repeatedly on whether he argued with Obama privately over deportations overseen by that administration. Pete Buttigieg and Beto O'Rourke jabbed Biden – and by extension, Obama -- by suggesting the party shouldn't "return to the past." Sanders and Warren said the 2010 Affordable Care Act hadn't gone far enough.

But Biden was a staunch defender of that legislation and called it "bizarre" for Democrats, even faintly, to attack Obama's record.

The conversation around Obama's presidency shifted as the primary wore on. By the time voting began, Buttigieg was almost explicitly comparing his youthful bid to Obama's 2008 campaign, and the progressives were framing their health care proposals as a way to build on Obama's legacy. Billionaire candidate Mike Bloomberg, meanwhile, featured Obama in his ubiquitous advertising effort, much to Biden's chagrin.

"You'd think Mike was Barack's vice president," Biden once quipped to donors.

For his part, Biden leaned even more heavily into Obama as primary voting began. Aiming at Sanders, the self-described democratic socialist, and Bloomberg, who'd been elected New York City mayor as a Republican, Biden said in a Feb. 21 interview with The Associated Press that "they're not bad folks. They're just not Democrats."

Campaigning before increasingly diverse audiences in Nevada and South Carolina, Biden ramped up his recollections of when Obama tapped him for the ticket in 2008. Biden recalled Inauguration Day 2009, waiting for the train in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware, "for a black man to pick me up … for the two of us to be sworn in as president and vice president of the United States."

Often drawing nods and vocal affirmation from his audiences, Biden said he had thought of that day as a national victory over institutional racism. Now, in the Trump era, Biden calls that conclusion a mistake.❑

No hugs or handshakes: Pandemic complicates storm relief

By JAY REEVES
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — For people who lost homes to the deadly tornadoes that rampaged across the South, there are no comforting hugs from volunteers or handshakes from politicians. There are no Red Cross shelters for homeless families, who are staying instead in hotel rooms to avoid large gatherings. The disaster response reflected how the coronavirus pandemic has changed relief efforts: Workers are still trying to provide all the comfort they can, but from a distance. Within hours of the tornado onslaught, which began Sunday, church groups were out in affected communities, and



Workers carry boxes to a storm-damaged home Tuesday, April 14, 2020, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Associated Press.

Southern Baptist volunteers were told to avoid holding hands with people as they pray, said Sam Porter, director of disaster relief for the nearly 15 million-member denomination. Hugs also are out.

"You're talking about a very hard change in procedures," Porter said Tuesday. "It's agonizing. Jesus touched people all through his ministry. He created us as emotional beings. But we are trying to comply with the guidelines."

About 550 people in four states were staying in hotel rooms funded by the Red Cross since mass shelters were not an option during the pandemic, said Brad Kieserman, a vice president of the organization.

People are being fed catered meals delivered to the hotels instead of through a mass kitchen, he said, and workers are wearing masks, gloves and other gear when dealing with people affected by the storms. Other agencies are making similar provisions, he said.

"How ironic is it that the very thing that may unify people and unify communities is the condition in which we have to remain 6 feet apart," Kieserman said.

The death toll from the outbreak rose to at least 34 as officials said a 12th person had died in Mississippi. There, Gov. Tate Reeves, who toured damaged areas, said the pandemic was making a bad situation worse.

"The fact that the coronaviruses exist is complicating the recovery from the tornado, while the tornadoes are complicating our efforts to make sure that we do everything in our power to stop the spread of the virus," Reeves said during a stop in tiny Soso. "It is it is exceptionally complicated, and it's tough on all of us."

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A twister left shingles, insulation and other debris strewn across Chattanooga, Tennessee. Almost every official on a tour of storm damage wore a protective mask, and some wore gloves. Instead of hugs and handshakes, Gov. Bill Lee and Mayor Andy Berke offered elbow bumps while talking to affected residents.

"We need money! We need that stimulus check now!" a person in a passing pickup truck yelled out to Lee as he visited with people cleaning around their home.

The storms claimed lives in at least six states, and the National Weather Service said preliminary assessments found evidence of at least 27 twisters. The strongest confirmed so far was an EF-4 tornado that devastated southeastern Mississippi with winds as strong as 170 mph (273 kph).

Hundreds of homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed across the regoin, and heavy rains caused flooding in some areas. Nashville, Tennessee, broke a 71-year-old record by receiving 2.23 inches (5.66 centimeters) of rain in a day, the weather service said. A day later, on Tuesday morning, the city saw snow flurries.

Damage occurred up the East Coast, with a flurry of tornado warnings issued in Delaware after storms left the Southeast.

With the economy already faltering because of business shutdowns and job losses linked to the pandemic, the Mississippi State University Extension Service said storms hit the state's $2.9 billion poultry industry. At least 90 poultry houses were damaged or destroyed, many near the city of Collins.

"Although some houses were between flocks and empty, many of these houses had chickens in them," poultry specialist Tom Tabler said in a statement. "Some would have been chicks just a few days old, while others would have been flocks nearly ready for harvest."❑

Health care workers are 10%-20% of US coronavirus cases



By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Between 10% and 20% of U.S. coronavirus cases are health care workers, though they tended to be hospitalized at lower rates than other patients, officials reported Tuesday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported the first national data on how the pandemic is hitting doctors, nurses and other health care professionals.

The data is important new information but not necessarily surprising, said Dr. Anne Schuchat, who is running the federal agency's response to the outbreak. Medical staff have also been hit hard in other countries: Media reports said about 10% of cases in Italy and Spain were health care workers.

As of the middle of last week, the CDC had reports of more than 315,000 cases in the U.S. The new report focused on about 49,000 for which researchers had data on whether or not they worked in health care. About 9,300, or 19%, of them were medical professionals. That included 27 who died.

But the data varied in how complete it was, researchers said. In 12 states that did a better job reporting on whether patients worked in medicine, around 11% of cases were health care workers.

Compared with U.S. cases overall, larger proportions of diagnosed health care workers were women, were white, and were young or middle-aged adults. That's consistent with the demographics of who works in health care, researchers said.

About 10% of the health care workers were hospitalized with symptoms, compared with 21% to 31% of overall cases. That may reflect the younger age of the workers, as well as prioritization of testing for health care employees, the report said.

Slightly more than half of a group of infected health care workers studied said their only known exposure to the virus was at work, but researchers say it's hard to know for sure how different people caught the bug.

A second report released Tuesday looked at three health care workers who became infected after treating a patient in Solano County, California, in what was one of the first instances of disease spread to medical personnel in the U.S. Workers didn't initially know the patient was infected with the coronavirus. All three did not wear eye protection or some other forms of protective equipment at least part of the time they were caring for the person, researchers said.❑

China's 'mask diplomacy' wins support in Eastern Europe

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — When China's first shipment of coronavirus medical aid landed in Belgrade, the president of Serbia was there to kiss the Chinese flag. In Hungary, officials have played down assistance from the European Union and praised Beijing's help. In the Czech Republic, its president says that only China was there during the virus spread.

While elsewhere China tries to polish an image tarnished by its initial handling of the coronavirus outbreak, Beijing has no problem maintaining its hard-won influence in parts of Eastern Europe, where it battles for clout with the EU as well as with Russia.



In this April 13, 2020, photo, a man wearing a face mask leaves a municipal office building decorated with billboard showing Serbian and Chinese flags reading: "Iron friends, together in good and evil!" prior a curfew set up to help limit the spread of the new coronavirus in Belgrade, Serbia.

Associated Press.

China was criticized in the West for its early mishandling of the crisis due to politically motivated foot-dragging while the virus raced through a province and its capital, Wuhan. Now it is seeking to change perceptions through "mask diplomacy" — a mix of soft power policy, political messaging and aid shipments — to portray Beijing as a generous and efficient ally.

China for years has been increasing its political and economic influence in southeastern Europe through its Belt and Road global investment projects. Its image-polishing after the outbreak found fertile ground in places like Serbia and Hungary, whose populist leaders nurture close ties with Beijing or Moscow.

The aid shipments also drew praise in Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Slovakia and the Czech Republic, although some virus test kits and face masks bought from Chinese companies didn't meet local standards.

"We must be aware there is a geopolitical component, including a struggle for influence, through spinning and the politics of generosity," EU's top foreign policy official Josep Borrell recently wrote in a blog, referring to China. "Armed with facts, we need to defend Europe against its detractors." Chinese officials have repeatedly rejected claims that Beijing seeks political gains by giving the aid, saying the allegations result from deep-rooted misperceptions of China's goals in the West.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Beijing is doing what it can "to help those countries and people affected ... to save and safeguard people's lives and health to the greatest extent across the world."

In Serbia, a candidate for EU membership, officials and state-controlled media have played down the millions of euros in grants and loans from Brussels while praising Chinese deliveries, donations and sales of supplies. Opposition groups have demanded the Chinese aid be disclosed and stacked up against the EU's apparently much larger assistance, but those calls have been ignored.

The pro-China narrative included billboards supporting Chinese President Xi Jinping, whom Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic routinely describes as his "brother," as well as suggestions that a monument be erected to honor Belgrade's friendship with Beijing.

"European solidarity does not exist. Only China can help," Vucic said last month while announcing a nationwide state of emergency that gave him expanded powers in the health crisis.

The EU's executive arm, the European Commission, has pledged 15 million euros in immediate support for Serbia's health sector, plus 78.4 million euros for its social and economic recovery. The EU also has given 2 million euros to help pay for shipping more than 280 tons of emergency medical supplies that Serbia bought.

Responding to criticism from some European officials that he praised China while ignoring the EU aid, Vucic insisted in a state TV interview last week that the bloc was not willing to sell or provide breathing machines to cope with the medical crisis. On Tuesday, Vucic's office said he had a phone conversation with the Chinese leader during which he praised Beijing for "the brotherly care for the citizens of Serbia."

"When the first plane landed at Belgrade airport on March 21 with the great Chinese help in medical equipment and material, accompanied by Chinese experts, the Serbs were awakened with the new optimism as they knew that in this fight they will not be alone," the statement said.

Serbia and Hungary have been important gateways to Europe for China through its infrastructure and investment projects.

China's investments in Serbia include an estimated $6 billion in loans for highways, railroads and power plants as well as contracts for a 5-G network and facial recognition surveillance equipment. U.S. officials warned of Beijing's "debt trap" diplomacy that could cost them their sovereignty if they fail to service the loans.❑

IMF sees Latin America suffering worst contraction on record

By DAVID BILLER
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The International Monetary Fund on Tuesday forecast the economy of Latin America and the Caribbean will contract 5.2% in 2020 as activity grinds to a halt due to the spread of the new coronavirus.

A recession of that magnitude would be the worst since at least 1980, the first year in the IMF's World Economic Outlook database.

For comparison, the global financial crisis caused a regional recession in 2009 that was less than half as deep as the one the IMF predicts for this year.

The IMF report follows estimates by the World Bank of a 4.6% contraction for the region this year. The U.N.'s Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean projected economic activity would fall by 1.8% to 4%.

The IMF's forecast includes a 5.3% plunge in Brazil. That would be the deepest single-year tumble since at least 1901, when national accounts data from the government's economics institute begin. Brazil contracted 2% in 1918, the year of the Spanish flu pandemic, according to the institute.

The IMF's 6.6% contraction forecast for Mexico is the worst among major countries in the region except Venezuela, which was already in the throes of a multi-year depression before onset of the pandemic. That would be an even poorer result for Mexico than 1995, the year of the peso crisis that followed sudden currency devaluation.

In its report, the IMF concedes there is "extreme uncertainty" around its outlook for global growth, which could be the biggest contraction since the Great Depression of the 1930's, and says exact fallout depends on difficult-to-predict factors including the path of the pandemic's spread, efficacy of containment efforts, extent of supply disruptions, tightening in global financial conditions and shifts in consumers' behavior.

Ecuador will also be particularly hard hit, with a decline of 6.3%, the multilateral lender said in its report.❑

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Armed men seize, release tanker off Iran by Strait of Hormuz

By JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Armed men boarded a Hong Kong-flagged tanker ship Tuesday off the coast of Iran near the crucial Strait of Hormuz, holding the ship for a short time before releasing it amid heightened tensions between Tehran and the U.S., authorities said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the seizure, though suspicion fell on Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard. Iranian officials and state media did not immediately acknowledge the incident and the U.S. Navy's Bahrain-based 5th Fleet did not respond to a request for comment.

The incident comes after a private maritime intelligence firm warned of suspicious incidents in recent days near the strait, through which a fifth of all oil is traded. Oil tankers previously have been a target during the tensions.

The incident happened near Iran's Ras al-Kuh coast. The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations organization said in an alert that the vessel "had been boarded by armed men while at anchor."

"All vessels in the vicinity are to stay vigilant and to report any incidents," the warning said, urging ships to "exercise caution."

The U.K. organization later said the ship had been released and was underway under its captain's control, without elaborating.

Dryad Global, the private maritime intelligence firm that issued the first warnings about suspicious incidents, identified the ship as the Hong Kong-flagged SC Taipei bound for Saudi Arabia. It said the 22 crew members aboard were Chinese. It did not say how it knew the information. The SC Taipei's satellite tracking beacon showed it off the coast of Iran in the general vicinity of the warning, according to data from the website MarineTraffic.com.

The ship's owners could not be immediately reached, though a United Nations database listed a mail-forwarding address for the owners associated with Shanghai-based Aoxing Ship Management. In March, the U.S. State Department sanctioned Aoxing Ship Management for "knowingly engaging in a significant transaction for the purchase, acquisition, sale, transport or marketing of petrochemical products from Iran" despite American sanctions.

That area of Iran is near the country's restive Sistan and Baluchistan province, where Islamic militant attacks have happened in the past. However, they are not known to have previously attacked shipping. The ship's tracking data suggested the armed men took the vessel to Bandar Jask, which the Guard did last year when it took custody of crew members from a Norwegian-owned oil tanker hit by an explosion the U.S. blamed on an Iranian mine.

The quick release of the ship suggests Iran realized only after the fact it had seized a Chinese vessel, rather than a Western one as in previous incidents. Iran has increasingly relied on China amid U.S. sanctions over its nuclear program.

"At a time when China still buys Iranian oil, and Iran has few international friends, such a move would be highly irregular and would not further Iran's interests," Dryad Global said.

Even as both face the same invisible enemy in the coronavirus pandemic, Iran and the United States remain locked in retaliatory pressure campaigns that now view the outbreak as just the latest battleground. Online video and Iranian media reports suggest Iran has deployed Fajr-5 missile batteries on beaches along the Strait of Hormuz.

Dryad Global previously reported maritime incidents in and around the strait. On March 27, two boats with a raised ladder approached a U.S.-flagged container ship, while Revolutionary Guard vessels approached a ship on April 2, the firm said.

"The detention of a vessel in the Strait of Hormuz would fit comfortably within previous Iranian intent and capability ... and would provide an opportune 'opening salvo' in an Iranian attempt to release the pressures the country currently faces," Dryad said Tuesday night.❑

Israeli police use drones to check in on virus patients

By JOSEPH KRAUSS
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — The drone glides up toward a high-rise until it reaches an apartment window where a woman waves from inside, proving to police that she is self-isolating after testing positive for the coronavirus.

Israeli police are deploying drones as part of efforts to stem the outbreak, allowing officers to keep a safe distance from infected people. Israel has also approved the use of phone-spying technology that was previously used against Palestinian militants.

Israel and other countries have rapidly come to see such methods as crucial tools to prevent the spread of the virus, which has infected nearly 2 million people worldwide, killed more than 120,000 and prompted economically devastating lockdowns.

But the increasing use of such technology against civilians has raised privacy concerns and difficult questions about how far authorities can or should go to curb the pandemic.



Ultra-Orthodox Jews pray a morning prayer at their house as synagogues are closed following the government's measures to help stop the spread of the coronavirus, in Bnei Brak, Israel, Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Associated Press.

The drone used outside the apartment complex in the Tel Aviv area was deployed by police checking in on patients who have been ordered to self-isolate.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld says police are using drones across the country to "find and confirm that people with the coronavirus are in isolation" in accordance with Health Ministry regulations.

"Units on the ground are using drones in high-story buildings and making visual confirmation," he said.

The virus causes mild to moderate flu-like symptoms in most patients, who recover within a few weeks. But it is highly contagious and can cause severe illness or death, particularly in older people or those with underlying health problems.

Israel has reported more than 11,800 cases and at least 117 deaths. Like many other countries, it has closed down schools and businesses and imposed strict stay-at-home orders. Those who test positive for the new coronavirus are required to isolate themselves, and anyone flouting regulations face fines or even arrest.

Police have used drones to enforce lockdowns in other countries, including Italy, France, Spain and China. They have been used to enforce social distancing in New York City and New Jersey. India has also used drones to monitor its lockdown. In Saudi Arabia, drones have reportedly been used in some public places to check people's temperatures.

Tehilla Shwartz Altshuler, an expert on technology and privacy laws at the Israel Democracy Institute, says it would be a violation of constitutional rights if the police used drones to look into private homes. Israeli security forces are also barred from using facial recognition technology, except to surveil Palestinians in the occupied territories. ❑

Stocks rise as traders see hopeful signs on opening economy

By ALEX VEIGA, STAN CHOE and DAMIAN J. TROISE
AP Business Writers

Stocks moved mostly higher on Wall Street Tuesday as investors reviewed earnings reports from big companies and welcomed signs that government officials are considering how to gradually reopen the economy.

President Donald Trump has been discussing with senior aides how to roll back federal social distancing recommendations that expire at the end of the month. And governors around the U.S. have begun collaborating on plans to reopen their economies in what is likely to be a drawn-out, step-by-step process to prevent the coronavirus from rebounding with disastrous results.

The discussions follow some signs that the outbreak may be leveling off in some of the hardest-hit areas. In Italy, Spain and other places around Europe where infections and deaths have begun stabilizing, the process of reopening the economy is already underway, with certain businesses and industries allowed to reopen in a calibrated effort aimed at balancing public health against their countries' economic well-being.

"Wall Street is encouraged simply by the conversation of a reopening of the economy," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist, CFRA.



A man with a protective mask stands in the rain in front of an electronic stock board showing Japan's Nikkei 225 index at a securities firm in Tokyo Monday, April 13, 2020.
Associated Press.

The S&P 500 was up 3% as of 2:56 p.m. Eastern time, recovering all of its losses from a day earlier. The benchmark index surged 12% last week, though it remains about 16% below its all-time high set in February.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average moved 543 points higher, or 2.3%, to 23,930. The Nasdaq climbed 4%.

Technology stocks powered much of the rally. Microsoft climbed 4.9% and Apple rose 5.3%.

Johnson & Johnson climbed 4.8% after reporting a stronger profit for the first three months of the year than Wall Street expected. It also raised its dividend, bucking a broader trend as companies try to conserve cash.

JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo led bank stocks lower after reporting disappointing results. Both banks set aside large amounts of reserves as they girded for losses on loans going unpaid as millions of Americans became unemployed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Tentative optimism that the outbreak has begun to plateau in some areas plus unprecedented infusions of support from the Federal Reserve and the government have helped drive stocks higher this month. But this week stocks could be in for more volatility as companies serve up their first-quarter results.

While Wall Street expects profits will be down for most companies in the S&P 500, the focus is on what management teams have to say about what their prospects for profits look like for the rest of the year. That might prove difficult. With all the uncertainties about when economies may reopen, many companies have simply pulled their profit and sales forecasts for the year altogether.

Given how big and unprecedented the coronavirus shock to the economy has been, analysts are struggling to guess how bad corporate earnings will get hit. At Deutsche Bank, Chief Global Strategist Binky Chadha said his usual methods of forecasting earnings based on economic growth or surveys measuring business activity "are essentially broken."

"It's incredibly hard during normal times to have an economic forecast, but today, you're kind of flying blind," said Brent Schutte, chief investment strategist at Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management. "What companies have to say will be incredibly important."

Across Wall Street, analysts are forecasting a drop of roughly 10% in earnings per share for S&P 500 companies for the first quarter and 21% for the second quarter.

It's going to be a tough couple of quarters for corporate America as the economy will likely take "two steps forward and one step back" as it recovers, said Jeff Buchbinder, equity strategist for LPL Financial.❑

Adidas cleared for 3 billion euros in rescue loans

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Sports apparel and shoe company Adidas says it has been approved by the German government for a 3 billion-euro ($3.3 billion) emergency loan to help the company get through a period of lost business due to the virus outbreak.

The company based in Herzogenaurach, Germany, said Tuesday that it was suspending dividends, share buybacks and 2020 executive bonuses as a condition of getting the loan "to bridge this unprecedented situation."

The yet to be concluded syndicated revolving loan comprises a commitment of 2.4 billion euros from the state-owned development bank KfW and 600 million euros in loan commitments at customary market conditions from a consortium of the company's partner banks, including UniCredit, Bank of America, Citibank, Deutsche Bank, HSBC Mizuho Bank and Standard Chartered Bank.

Adidas said it agrees to repay any unused portion of the money including interest and fees, as quickly as possible.

The company said in a statement that it would forgo short- and long-term bonuses for the year, equalling 65% of target annual compensation for top management.

Long-term bonuses for the next level of management would also be forfeited.

"The further development of the coronavirus outbreak and its impact on the company's business cannot be predicted at this point in time," the company said.

"As a result, adidas is still not able to provide an outlook for the full year 2020 that includes this impact."❑



In this file photo dated Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019, New Orleans Pelicans forward Derrick Favors wears Christmas-themed Adidas Pro Model Superstars shoes in the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019, in Denver, USA.
Associated Press.

Americans stuck in Africa trying to bring adopted kids home

By DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

Stranded in Nigeria for months, a Colorado couple had a rare chance to catch an evacuation flight to the U.S. recently during the coronavirus outbreak. But they refused because they would have had to leave behind their adopted daughter, who has yet to get a U.S. visa.

"After we found our daughter and our daughter found us, it was out of the question to leave her," Robin Gallite said.

Gallite and her husband, Adebambo Alli, who live in Denver, are among several American families facing similar predicaments as the pandemic disrupts travel and slows the final steps needed to bring home children who were adopted abroad.



This Sept. 13, 2019 photo provided by the family shows Adebambo Alli, left, Robin Gallite and their adopted daughter, Adenike-Rae, at the Lekki Conservation Center in Nigeria.
Associated Press

The Virginia-based National Council for Adoption says it is following dozens of cases where the foreign adoption is complete and American parents are waiting for their child to receive a visa from the State Department.

"We need to do the right thing and prioritize the health and safety of these families," council vice president Ryan Hanlon said.

The State Department says foreign adoptions remain a priority but has told families that with routine visa services suspended during the pandemic, their requests for emergency visas may not be granted swiftly, if at all.

The adoption council says nearly all of the cases it's tracking are from Africa — where many countries, including Nigeria, are not part of the main international convention on adoption and investigations can take longer even under normal circumstances.

Gallite, 41, and Alli, 42, have been in Nigeria since last August, when they arrived to complete the adoption of a baby girl. A Nigerian judge signed off in November, but obtaining a U.S. visa has moved slowly and is now in deeper limbo because of virus-related shutdowns.

While the couple delight in their daughter's love for dancing and jumping, they ache to return to Denver with 17-month-old Adenike-Rae — nicknamed Nike — and are frustrated by the uncertainty of when that might be possible.

"We're resilient people — we have to be strong and tough for Nike," Gallite said. "The stress comes from trying to figure out how to get home."

In the meantime, they're staying with Adebambo Alli's sister. Alli, who was born in the U.S. to a Nigerian family, has worked in Colorado's energy industry but now has no job and is trying to line one up from Lagos. Gallite is supporting the family by working remotely as deputy director of an arts center in Denver.

Also stranded in Lagos — with her nearly 9-month-old adopted daughter Zoe — is Ufuoma Sada of Columbus, Ohio.

Sada has been in Nigeria since September while her husband, Ebenezer, works as an engineer in Ohio to keep the family afloat. Nigerian authorities approved the adoption in December, but Sada says she has faced delays and communication gaps as she tries to get the U.S. Consulate to make progress on a visa for Zoe.

"We're now into the fourth month, and nothing has been done," said Sada, who worries increasingly about the COVID-19 outbreak in Nigeria and wants U.S. authorities to expedite their return.

About 800 miles (more than 1,200 kilometers) east of Lagos, another American family is stranded in Yaounde, the capital of Cameroon, waiting for the U.S. Embassy to issue visas for 2-year-old twin girls they adopted in Chad in 2018.

David Parker, 29, a former youth pastor at a church in Denver, North Carolina, and his wife, Michaela, 24, moved to Chad two years ago to serve as Christian missionaries.

In January, the couple were told to come to Cameroon to complete the U.S. portion of the adoption process and get U.S. immigration visas for the girls, which the embassy in Chad does not handle.

Because of the pandemic, Parker says it has been difficult to gather all the evidence that U.S. officials requested as part of their investigation. He's increasingly worried the delays will endanger the health and safety of his family, which includes a 6-month-old son, Philip, as well as twins Ariella and Claira.

"Everything's basically shut down," Parker said by phone. "We don't know when or if we're going to be able to complete this."

Like Gallite and Alli, the Parkers were told they could board a U.S.-bound evacuation flight with their biological son but would have to leave their daughters behind.

"For us, that's not an option," said Parker, whose family is now restricted to a missionary compound in Yaounde.❑



This Sept. 21, 2019 family photo shows Michaela Parker holding her newborn son, Philip; adopted twin daughters Ariella, center, and Claira, right, and father, David Parker, in N'Djamena, Chad.
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Your favorite hotel staff

ORANJESTAD — We are far away but still connected through Aruba Today! We know many of you as our loyal readers and friends and we know you just love Aruba's hospitality. The most striking is that all of you mention the great service and the bond with the waiter, the receptionist or other staff in the hotel and restaurants. We have asked you to send us a picture of that favorite waiter or housekeeper or other hotel staff together with a personal message to them to publish this in our newspaper. We will also do our utmost to find this person and make sure she or he will get this message. Many of them may have lost their job or do not know when they will restart their work. They must miss you and the daily interaction that is why we would like to reach out and make a connection.

Send your text and picture to: news@arubatoday.com. You may also send us a PM on Facebook but pictures are best by email. Have a look at the wonderful messages we have received so far. Thank you for sharing!❑

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"We stayed at the Bucuti and our favorite helper was Russell. I do not know if that is how you spell his name, but he was so great at helping us navigate so many things. We live in Louisiana, in the United States, and I also appreciated that he took the time to tell us stories of the island so we left feeling like we had ownership in our visit. All across the island, we were met with great service, laughter and everyone going over and above to make sure we enjoyed our stay. We cannot wait to go back to Aruba, we have a trip planned July 2020, we will see!"

Mike and JoBeth Kavanaugh
United States of America



"The first photo is Shirley, food and beverage at the Divi Links. She always has a smile and makes the best Brown Lady's! The next photo is Nadime from the Old Mill, now Courtyard by Marriott. Nadime also greets you with a smile and a warm heart. She helped make my husband's birthday special! My husband ended up having emergency surgery this year when we visited the island. It was a rough week for me but Nadime was an awesome support person during that time. We have been coming to Aruba for 10 years now. We always tell people that one of the reasons we keep coming back is because of the people in Aruba."

Dez Dody
United States of America



"Some of the front desk girls from La Cabana during Halloween."





"Attached is a photo of Rigo, one of the Renaissance's Captains. We just can't pick one favorite captain. Without all of them our vacation would be incomplete! Please tell Rigo we look forward to seeing him again soon. Also give our best to Sandro, Richard, Andrew, and Ivan, as well as Benji, the mechanic. Wishing the Island a speedy recovery."

John and Dianne Warner
March visitors from West Sand Lake, NY
United States of America

Opinion
When will Aruba's tourism industry recover?

By James Hepple, BA, PhD, Assistant Professor, FHTMS, University of Aruba
ORANJESTAD — In the todays and tomorrow's editions of Aruba Today we will publish an opinion article by James Hepple, today we share Part III, tomorrow part IV which is the last in the series. Part I and II were published Thursday April 9, and Tuesday April 13 and are to be read on our website.

The situation in Aruba
The Government of Aruba is also pursuing a policy of "flattening the curve", that is slowing the rate of infections to allow its health care system to continue to function. To do this it has pursued aggressive social distancing policies which could remain in place until the end of April. Aruba is probably two/three weeks behind the USA which in turn is behind Italy and Spain so it is likely the rate of infections in Aruba will not peak until early/mid-May.
Should those policies succeed then the rate of local transmission should be substantially reduced although clearly there would still continue to be infections.
But the Government of Aruba faces a huge challenge.

The economy of Aruba is almost completely dependent upon welcoming visitors from abroad. Aruba needs visitor spending to generate income and provide employment. So, there will be enormous pressure to re-open its borders to visitors.
However, once Aruba opens its borders it is inevitable that infected persons from overseas will enter the country and could infect members of the local population who will in turn infect other residents. It is worth noting that New York State generates 20% of all visitors from the USA and will, in all likelihood, have the highest level of infections of any state in the USA.
If the Government chooses to open its borders, as it must if it is to revive its economy, then it is going to have to accept that infections will continue to occur as will deaths resulting from severe cases of infection.

The Government will then have to decide what is an acceptable level of mortality for its population.
It is suggested that accepting visitors can only be mitigated by stringent testing at the airport and cruise port using procedures such as are currently in place in South Korea as this will prevent further infections coming in from the outside. Such testing would have to remain in place for at least 18 months that is until an effective vaccine is developed and distributed.
What impact that will have on the desirability of Aruba as a tourist destination is hard to say but it is likely that many other Caribbean countries will employ similar tactics to address this conundrum.
At the same time, it is worth noting that the



level of tourist plant inventory, the hotels, resorts, casinos, restaurants, attractions etc, could well be substantially reduced by the second half of the year. A number of resorts could close and not re-open. A number of hotels may close parts of their property and consolidate business into other parts of the complex. Casinos and restaurants may close permanently. Tour companies may go out of business. All of this will result in lower aggregate spending than in 2019.

At the same time, Aruba's attractiveness is heavily dependent upon its beach experience. It may be that a relatively high level of infections will result in a public health policy that demands that social distancing be rigorously enforced on Aruba's beaches. This could make our product significantly less attractive to visitors.
It has been estimated that unemployment in Aruba could reach 50% of the workforce with many persons out of work and who will be without their normal income for many weeks, if not months. A major concern has to be that crime begins to rise substantially as persons attempt to obtain income to support themselves and their families. It will be important in the long run that Aruba protects its image as a safe destination and that rigorous law enforcement practices are put in place to prevent any largescale upswing in crime.

Aruba, like many other destinations, will have to spend considerable sums of money on marketing to bring back business. At the same time, it may well have to invest large sums of money to guarantee airlift at a time of reduced demand. Whether those funds will be available in sufficient quantity is debatable.
Finally, it is possible that many of our best and brightest may emigrate from Aruba to the Netherlands or elsewhere in search of work, leaving us with diminished skill levels in our work force.

Past Experience
Previous incidents such as 9/11, SARS, the Holloway Incident, and the financial crisis of 2008/2009 all suggest that it will take two/three years for the volume of arrivals to get back to previous levels, in this case to the levels achieved in 2019.❑

Your favorite hotel staff







"The following photos are from our favorite people at Costa Linda resort. Maria is our housekeeper on the 5th floor in December when we are there. She is pictured with my husband Chuck. Edwin who manages the bar walked me down the aisle when Chuck and I renewed our wedding vows this past December. And Rossy Deveaux who has been our favorite beach beautiful girl who is just amazing! We love all the Costa Linda staff so much. Hope to see you all in December. Stay safe. Stay healthy. We are Aruba strong."

Love, Nancy Fletch
United States of America